

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

A Significant
Agreement

THERE are many important factors to be remembered in considering the new agreements between the governments of Britain and the United States for co-operation on atomic energy.

There is so vast a field of mental, industrial and economic activity to be maintained if atomic energy is to be developed as a new power source for the service of mankind that any co-operation between nations must be of value. The whole science on which nuclear development is based is so wide that no nation, however great, however rich, can afford to neglect advantages that follow the sharing of effort.

Atomic energy is an expensive business from all points of view. It calls for the expenditure of millions of pounds on research; it must be backed with resources of the highest possible technical skill; above all it must be able to call upon a great "brain pool" of scientists if its speedy progress to the logical conclusion of bringing better living conditions and a fuller life to the world is to be maintained.

THERE is no nation in the world at present that is not concerned with its lack of scientific manpower, and all duplication of research effort can be looked upon as a wastage that affects not merely individual countries, but all nations.

Britain can look on her story of atomic progress with some satisfaction. The programme started, from scratch, but the brains were there and somehow the money has been found to lay the foundations of an atomic future. The result now is that the world's first full-scale atomic power station is almost complete. The station now being completed at Calder Hall in Cumberland is large enough to supply important quantities of industrial power.

With this background of progress, Britain is in a position to provide the United States with a considerable amount of helpful technical information. But the exchanges of knowledge must be on strictly give and take lines. The reservation is important because in the past few months several of the biggest industrial enterprises in the United Kingdom have grouped themselves together to put the atom on an industrial basis. Thus they have already laid the foundations on which Britain hopes she will be able to build an atomic workshop of the world, and this knowledge is not to be shared without compensating reciprocity.

THE Anglo-American atomic agreement makes no provision for the exchange of any significant information on the designing and building of atomic weapons. Nevertheless, from the military point of view there are one or two points of sharp interest. One is that Britain and America will exchange their intelligence appreciations of what is happening in atomic development in other parts of the world.

There is also the promise of a useful exchange of staff between the two countries and, important as anything else, there is to be the widest possible exchange of data in the field of health. This is to be considered as it affects the individual and the civil population as a mass, and will be, therefore, concerned not only with the explosion of atomic weapons, but with possible dangers in the widespread peaceful use of atomic power.

These are some of the factors which make the Anglo-American agreement on atomic energy a vitally important to mankind as a whole.

NO TALKS WITH CHINA PLANNED

Back To Their
Motherland

Budapest Arrests Reported

US News Agencies' Correspondents

Vienna, June 28.

Reports received here tonight from usually reliable sources in Budapest said that Mrs. Endre Marton, local correspondent of an American news agency, had been arrested.

Her husband, Dr. Endre Marton, local correspondent of another American news agency, was arrested earlier this year. The reports added that a Hungarian employee of the United States legation in Budapest had also been arrested. British circles there thought this was the prelude to a big "show trial" directed against the United States.

In the last few days many people visiting the British legation in Budapest were questioned, and some were detained by the Hungarian police but released later.

For this reason it was believed that the British would not be involved in the expected trial.

COMMUNIQUE

A few days ago all Budapest newspapers published a communiqué saying: "recently, with the help of patriotic people, Hungarian Ministry of the Interior has detected and arrested several groups of American spies and saboteurs. Investigations are in progress. The state defence organisations have seized arms and ammunition of American make, as well as chemicals used for secret communications with spy centres abroad, faked documents, foreign currencies, etc." The detained spies and saboteurs have been recruited and trained for subversive activities against the Hungarian People's Republic by American spy organisations called the "CIC" and the so-called "Radio Free Europe," an imperialist propaganda and spy organisation. —Reuter.

Crash Survivor Spots Cruiser From Liferaft

Yokohama, June 29.

One of the two Marine jet pilots afloat on rubber liferafts off Central Japan radioed today that he could see a search destroyer only 5,000 yards away.

The Marines, missing since their night fighter-bomber crashed early on Sunday, are Lt. David Winston Bell and Captain Hodgen P. Montague. They are believed to be on separate rafts.

A search plane reported sighting one of them in the fog-shrouded seas earlier and rescue ships raced to the scene. It was not known which one was sighted or who sent the message.

The last word of the progress of the search was the message from the emergency radio transmitter with which the liferafts are equipped.

"His last radio report was that he could see the destroyer about 5,000 yards away," said a spokesman for the search operation. "It was some time after 8 a.m."

The spokesman said the pilot appeared to be using his radio set sparingly to conserve its strength. —United Press.

No Progress In Forming A Govt

Rome, June 28. Professor Antonio Segni, left-wing Christian Democrat, appeared near to admitting failure tonight in his efforts to form a government.

He is holding talks with political leaders to try to revive the strongly pro-Western coalition of Christian Democrats, Social Democrats, Liberals and Republicans which collapsed last week when the Prime Minister, Signor Mario Scelba, and his Cabinet resigned.

After a long discussion today with Professor Segni, the leader of the Liberal Party, Signor Giovanni Malagodi, told reporters: "We are at a dead end." —Reuter.

Eden's Statement In House Of Commons

GENEVA THE FIRST CONSIDERATION

London, June 28.

The Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, told the House of Commons today that no plans exist at the present time for an international conference that will include China.

He was replying to a question from the Labour MP, Mr. Hector Hughes, who asked what steps have been taken during the past two months to secure talks at top level between the Governments of Britain, Russia and China with a view to limiting the arms race and promoting international peace.

Sir Anthony in his reply reminded the House of the coming top-level conference in Geneva of France, the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union. He added: "There is no question at the present time of seeking a further conference different in composition and overlapping in scope the conference due to take place at Geneva."

In reply to another question from Mr. Kenneth Robinson, Labour, the Prime Minister said the Government had no intention of halting work on the hydrogen bomb as a contribution to securing international agreement in this field.

The Premier told his questioner that "the prospects of nuclear and general disarmament have improved because the Western powers have persisted in building up their strength and there is no reason to think that a reversal of this policy would be either timely or effective."

NOT IMPROVED

Sir Anthony said however that the whole problem might be discussed at Geneva and "I do not believe that in advance of negotiations of this kind we improve our position by gestures of this kind."

The Premier also told the Commons that so far as the Western powers are concerned, any question at all might be raised at the forthcoming Geneva conference.

He was replying to a question from Mr. Arthur Henderson, a former Labour Minister, who wanted to know if the Big Four Foreign Ministers were in agreement about raising any subject contributing to world tension.

The Premier stated that no formal agreement had been reached by the Foreign Ministers in the matter, "but it is clear from the terms of the invitation which the Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States and France addressed to the Soviet Government on May 10 that so far as they are concerned any subject may be raised." —France-Press.

Bomb Found In Official's Home

Tunis, June 28.

A powerful, unexploded bomb was found today at the home of Mr. Howard Hill, United States vice-consul, in La Marsa, a Tunis suburb.

The fuse had been ignited but had gone out. The bomb was believed to have been planted during the night.

Mr. Hill is absent from Tunisia at present. —Reuter.

Queen Mary Seamen Guilty Of "Wilful Disobedience"

London, June 28.

Forty-nine crewmen of the Queen Mary were convicted of wilful disobedience today in a sequel to the "mutiny on the Mary" which climaxed Britain's recent wildest seamen's strike.

A Southampton Court sentenced the sailors under a law dating back to 1894 for failing to heed their skipper's "lawful command."

The stoppage forced Cunard Lines to cancel the scheduled sailing of the world's second largest liner for New York on June 18.

Many Americans were stranded in Europe penniless after their vacations.

The "Mary" is now scheduled to sail on Thursday — just two weeks late.

The seamen, all British, were ordered to pay £3 costs and then conditionally discharged. Forty-three had pleaded guilty.

Meanwhile, 18,300 dock workers maintained their six-week walkout in six ports, holding up 278 other ships and blocking Britain's essential trade links.

PAY RUNS OUT
Although their strike pay ran dry over a week ago, London dockers voted yesterday to continue the strike in solidarity with their northern brothers, who walked out in a jurisdictional dispute with a rival union.

The striking Stevedores' Union went before the Disputes Committee of the Trades Union Congress to argue charges of "poaching" levelled by the rival Transport Workers' Union.

Mr. William Newman, the Stevedores' acting General Secretary, said afterwards he asked cross-charges of poaching but "relationships between the officers of both unions are now on a cordial basis."

The full TUC General Council will hear the Committee's findings tomorrow and may adopt a settlement formula. But since the strike is unofficial, authorities emphasised that there is no guarantee the men will adopt it. —United Press.

THREAT REMAINS

Paris, June 28. France still faced the threat of a general strike of civil servants beginning on July 1, as negotiations between the government and union representatives continued this afternoon.

Paris chapters of the various unions representing the civil servants, while in the process of negotiations, today called a meeting of union stewards for tomorrow, to work out strike action.

Meanwhile, several small, independent unions said that in view of Government concessions made thus far, they were withdrawing from the strike action.

Nearly a million civil servants, including post office employees, hospital workers and teachers would be involved in the strike.

The main point of disagreement between the Government and employees is the question of the time-schedule for granting wage increases.

The Government wants to spread the increases over a three-year period, while the unions want the increases to be immediate. —France-Press.

NEWSPAPER'S CENTENARY

Edinburgh, June 28.

The Queen has sent a message of congratulation to the Scotsman, Scottish national daily newspaper, which celebrates its centenary today (Wednesday).

Other messages have been sent by the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, and ex-Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill.

The Scotsman made its first appearance as a daily newspaper on June 29, 1855. "The Daily Scotsman," as the new journal was then called, firmly established its position within 20 years.

Before 1855 it had been published first as a weekly, founded in 1817, and then as a bi-weekly from 1823. —China Mail Special.

Multi-Millionaire Inventor On Morals Charges

New York, June 28.

A multi-millionaire inventor and camera manufacturer was arrested and held on \$50,000 bail today on morals charges.

The charges involved several 11- to 18-year-old girls he allegedly photographed in immoral acts in a camera-trapped penthouse. The penthouse was destroyed in a suspicious fire on June 12. District Attorney Frank Gulotta said: "Ivan Jerome, 32, had

admitted taking pictures of himself and the girls by means of string-operated motion picture cameras concealed behind the curtains and walls of his apartment on top of the Masapequa Farmers Market.

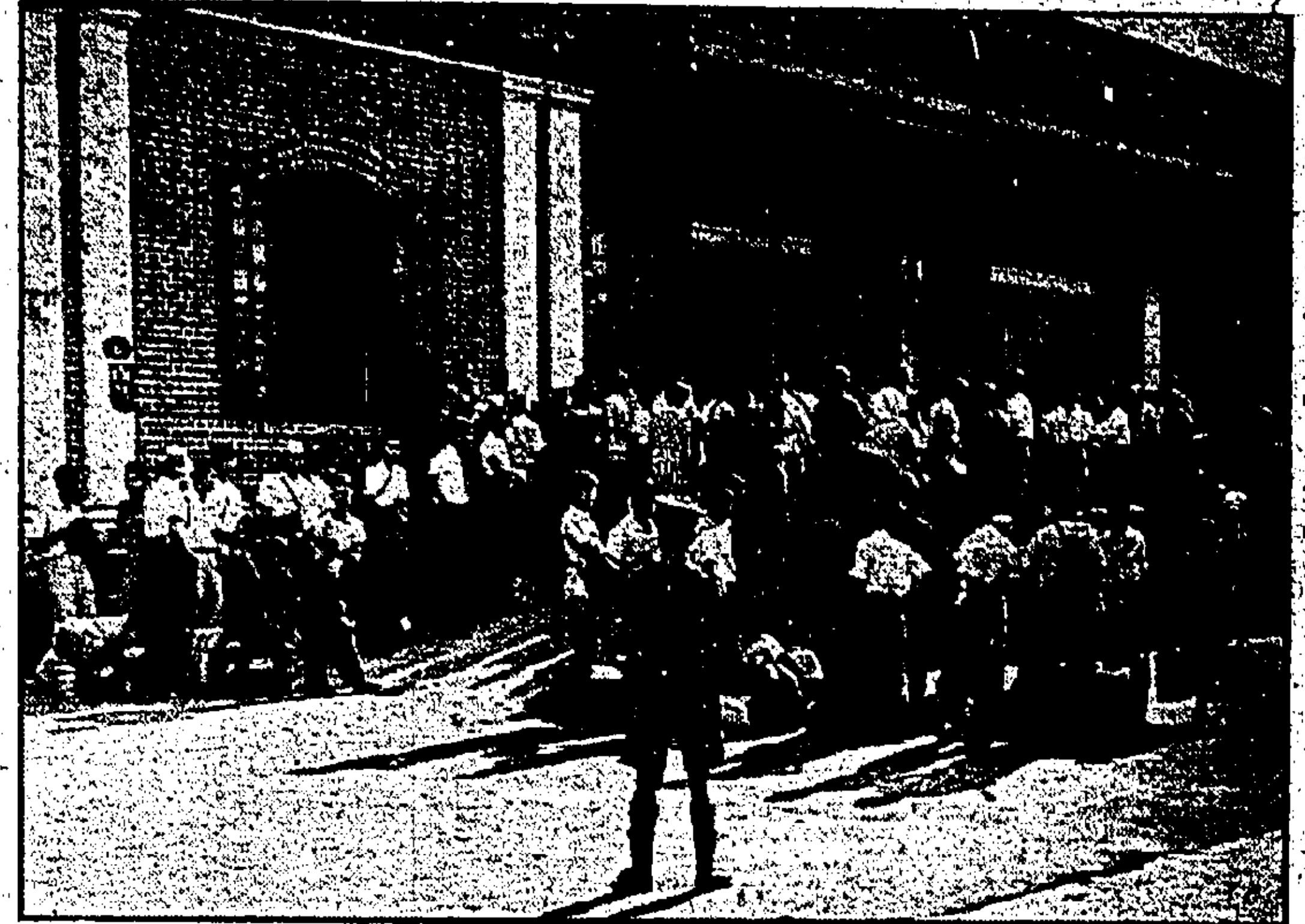
Some 10,000 feet of film was recovered from the ruins of the market, destroyed in a \$250,000 fire a little over two weeks ago. Police and firemen are still searching for

\$50,000 more feet believed to be in tin boxes in the debris. Gulotta said Jerome had offered firemen \$500 for recovery of the film.

Six girls were held in the Children's Shelter as material witnesses and Gulotta said at least 14 more had been identified from the film and were being sought. He said Jerome had been luring girls to his penthouse for one-colour photographic purposes for more than a year.

Jerome, a White Russian refugee of 1918, was said to be worth \$2,000,000 as a result of his camera and helicopter inventions and business ventures. He was owner of the Market, which he used during World War II as a camera factory.

The girls came to his apartment above it as applicants for Market jobs, Gulotta said. He added that they were paid for their immoral acts but were not given the promised jobs. —United Press.



Repatriate Students Depart

More than 1,100 Chinese students from Indonesia and Singapore, who arrived here in the Dutch liner Tjiwangi yesterday, crossed the border into China this morning.

The students, comprising the largest single group ever to go to China in recent years, left the Tsimahatsui railway station shortly before 10 a.m. by a special 11-coach train under an escort of immigration officers.

The students, including many girls, disembarked from the Tjiwangi in Kowloon Bay early this morning and were taken to the railway station by three Hongkong and Yumail ferries. Special precautions were taken by the Police who guarded all approaches to the tracks.

No one was allowed to approach the students. The young repatriates boarded the train in an orderly manner. Landing at the railway pier shortly after 8 a.m. they stayed aboard the train until it pulled out at 9.45 a.m.

Pictures above, taken by a staff photographer, show the students on the railway pier waiting to enter the station, and three of the young girls boarding the train for Lown.

Fatal Truck Crash: Soldiers Detained

Paris, June 28.

Two American military police corporals were arrested by the military police here today after leaving a tell-tale initialled handkerchief at the spot where they smashed their army truck into a car last night, killing four persons.

The Americans, 24-year-old Corporal Samuel Brown, and 27-year-old Corporal Leo Feist, are being questioned by the French police in the American Army guard house.

Brown and Feist said they borrowed the parked truck near an American Post and went for a drive in the Bois De Boulogne last night.

They said they passed three cars and then were blinded by the headlights of a fourth. They said they do not remember what happened after they lost control of the truck.

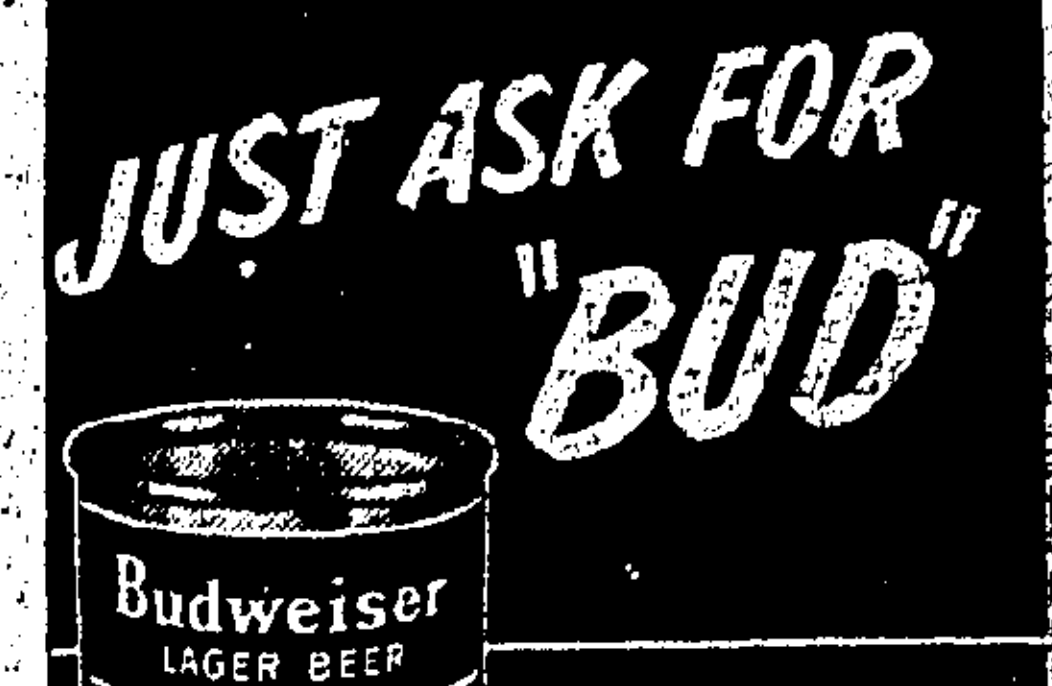
The police said Brown, who was born at the Hague in North Dakota, was driving the truck when it crashed into a car killing its four occupants.

The police said that Feist, who was uninjured, and Brown, who injured his forearm and a knee, walked and hitchhiked back to camp after the accident. Brown left an initialled handkerchief at the scene of the accident which led to his arrest and subsequently to Feist's arrest.

DEMONSTRATION BY WOMEN

Johannesburg, June 29.

More than 1,000 drum-beating women in several hundred cars paraded through the streets of the city of Pretoria today to protest a recently enacted Senate-packing law, aimed at limiting the influence of the coloured vote. The demonstration, which came from all over South Africa, carried a petition against the law bearing some 100,000 signatures. —France-Press.



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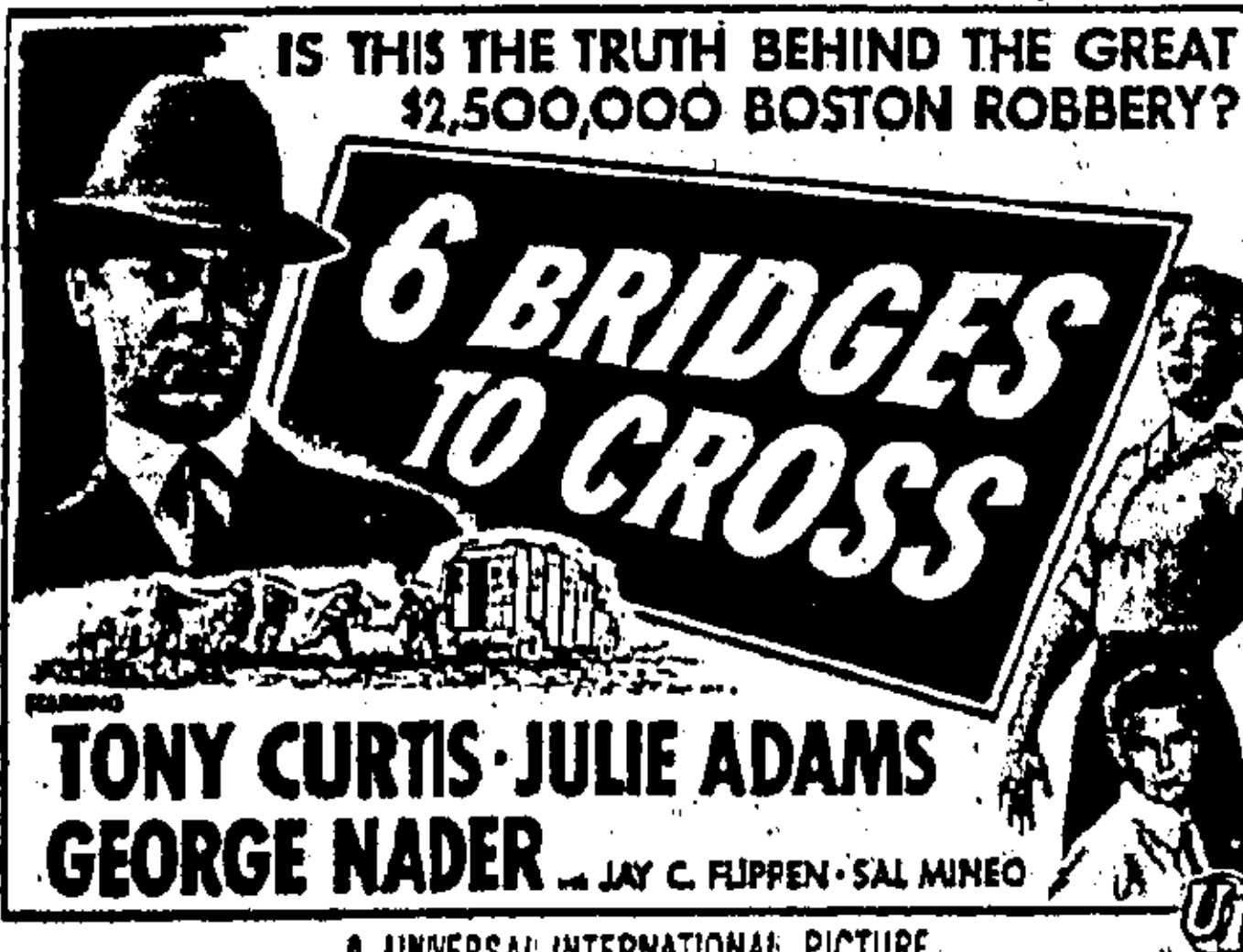
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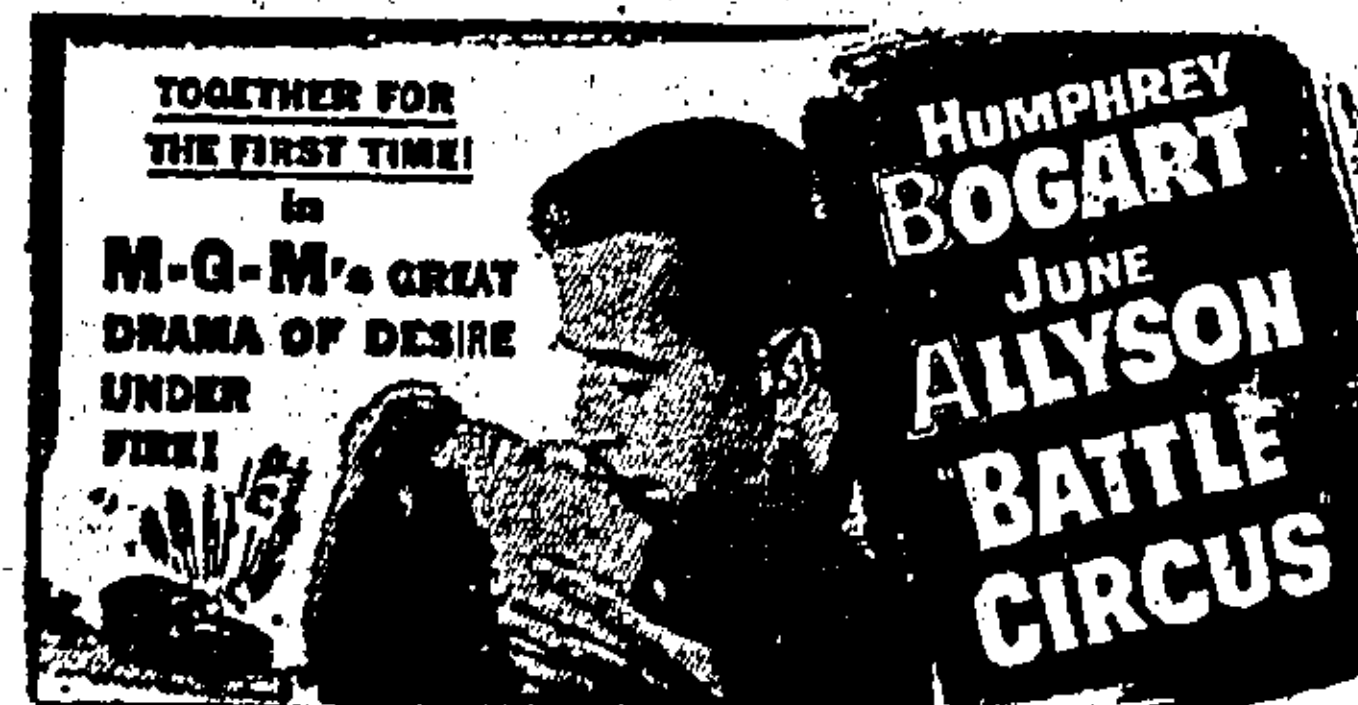


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NATO Air Forces Could Meet Atom Attack

BUT THERE WOULD BE FEW SURVIVORS

Paris, June 28.

The NATO air exercise "Carte Blanche" just ended showed that the air forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation could meet an atomic attack "and counter attack in a sharp and concentrated way," Air Commodore Peter Wykeham-Barnes said at Moenchengladbach today.

Summing up at the end of the six-day exercise he warned that any future atomic war would be short and horrible, with no victors "but only a few survivors."

Air Commodore Wykeham-Barnes, who is Chief of Staff (Operations) of the Allied Air Forces Central Europe, said that as an exercise "Carte Blanche" has been "extraordinarily successful."

It had also permitted the conclusion that army strategy and tactics on the principles of World War II were no longer possible in an atomic war. In future, fighting units must carry with them all the supplies they needed.

"Carte Blanche" was "fought out" between "Northland" and "Southland" with a frontier drawn east to west through Northern France and Germany.

Air units from 11 countries took part and "dropped" 345 atom bombs, mostly on airfields. The American remote controlled rocket "Matador" was used for the first time.

During the exercise, which took one year to prepare, there were five accidents which took a toll of eight lives and a ninth man is missing.

An Allied spokesman said yesterday the exercise had shown that the American F-86 Sabre jet was the best fighter plane in the world today.

The "Northland" forces consisted of the Second Allied Tactical Air Force, mainly British, Dutch and Belgian units. "Southland" were the Fourth Allied Tactical Air Force which contained American, French and Canadian units. Almost all the 80 airfields of "Northland" and the 50 of "Southland" were "destroyed" by atomic attack, the spokesman said.

FRENCH EXERCISE

The French air defence exercise "Regulus" which has been taking place simultaneously with the combined NATO exercise "Carte Blanche" showed that France had a 90 per cent efficient "umbrella" against air attack, according to the first official results published today.

Some 200 "kills" were recorded against the "enemy" raiders, many of them based on Southern England, which swarmed across the English Channel for five days and four nights beginning June 22. These included some of the latest British and United States jet fighters and bombers—Canberras, Sabres, Tornados and Stratojets.

France's latest "wonder planes"—the Ouragan, the Mystere 4 and the Mistral zoomed into the air to intercept the raiders. They bagged 71 per cent of the enemy on June 23, 86 per cent on June 24, 96 per cent on June 25, 97 per cent on June 26 and 91 per cent on June 27.

From the point of view of communications and co-ordination with civil defence the exercise was considered highly satisfactory, the communiqué said.—Reuter & France-Press.

Baruch Has A Visitor



Bernard M. Baruch

New York, June 28.
The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Molotov, visited the American financier, Mr. Bernard Baruch at his Long Island estate today.

Mr. Molotov, who arrived earlier today from the United Nations meeting in San Francisco, also visited the Museum of Natural History here and the headquarters of the Soviet United Nations delegation.—France-Press.

BLOOD DONORS

London, June 28.
Some 540,400 Britons gave blood to the National Blood Transfusion Service last year compared with 515,400 the year before.

But the Health Ministry said today it wanted at least 650,000 regular donors to meet ever increasing demands.—China Mail Special.

School For Deaf

London, June 28.
Britain's first comprehensive school for the profoundly deaf will be opened here next September in a Georgian mansion converted and equipped by Lady Patricia Lennox-Boyd, wife of Britain's Colonial Secretary.—China Mail Special.

The Queen Stamping Down The 'Divots'



This picture made headlines in the United States. According to the story that went with it the Queen's sight was falling and hence the glasses. In actual fact Her Majesty was stamping down holes in the pitch after the Household Brigade polo match during the Ascot week Tournament on Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park.—Central Press Photo.

ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN DISCUSSIONS TODAY

Jerusalem, June 27.

General E. L. M. Burns of Canada, chief United Nations truce supervisor, convened a meeting of Israeli and Egyptian representatives at Kilometer 95 today in hopes of easing tension between the two nations along the Gaza strip.

General Burns briefly discussed the question of an agenda and then the session adjourned until 10 a.m. Wednesday.

According to the Israeli Foreign Office, an Israeli representative read the following statement:

RHODES PACT

"Six years ago representatives of Israel and Egypt signed at Rhodes a general armistice agreement which put an end to hostilities between the two countries. "By its nature the scope of this agreement was capable of providing for a settlement of the issues between Israel and Egypt such as face us today. It has been faithfully and integrally implemented, there would probably have been no need for the present conversations aimed at ensuring quiet along the frontier.

"Israel enters these conversations prepared to see in them a way toward improvement of the border situation. "Israel's basic policy remains that of integral implementation of the general armistice agreement and it is from this vantage point that the Israeli delegation will examine the proposals on the agenda. Limited in scope as the present talks are, they can succeed only if both sides demonstrate a sincere desire to work out efficient arrangements for border security.

RESTRICTED

"We shall be dealing with remedies of restricted character and unless these remedies contain all the components of practicability and efficiency they will be of little value. "This point will constitute a test of the parties' seriousness in their efforts at reducing border tension. "The Israeli delegation will be guided by this consideration throughout the negotiations and hopes and the Egyptian delegation will act in a similar manner."—United Press.

LEGAL PROBLEMS

On the Japanese side, it is pointed out that there are many legal problems involved in the repatriation of detainees which require careful study in Tokyo.

A three-day interval is not sufficient for this. Once again, Japanese sources and Russian sources refused to indicate whether progress of any sort was made at today's talk. As a sign however of the continuing cordial relations between the two delegations, Mr. Malik has invited Mr. Matsumoto and other members of his delegation to luncheon on June 30 at the Soviet Embassy.

There is no talk in London of impending deadlock. On the contrary the Japanese delegation, it is understood, is prepared to sit the talks out for six months or a year if necessary.—France-Press.

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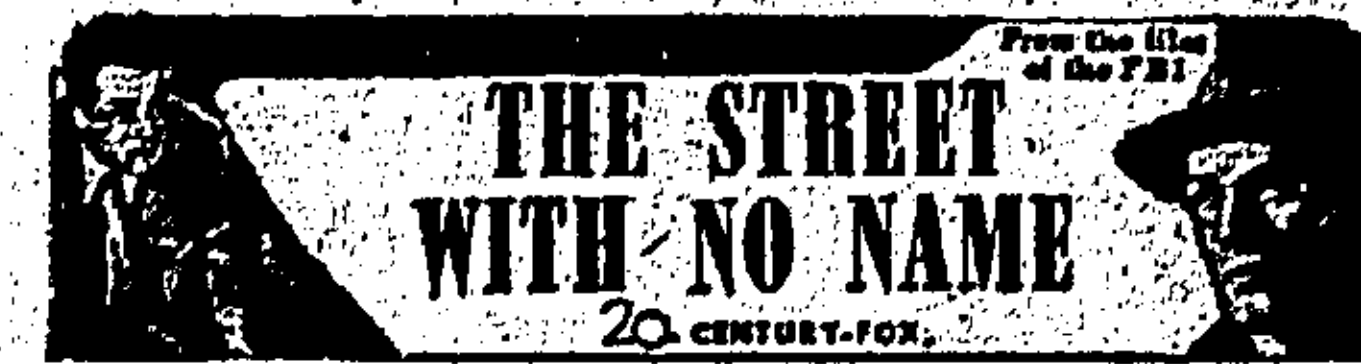
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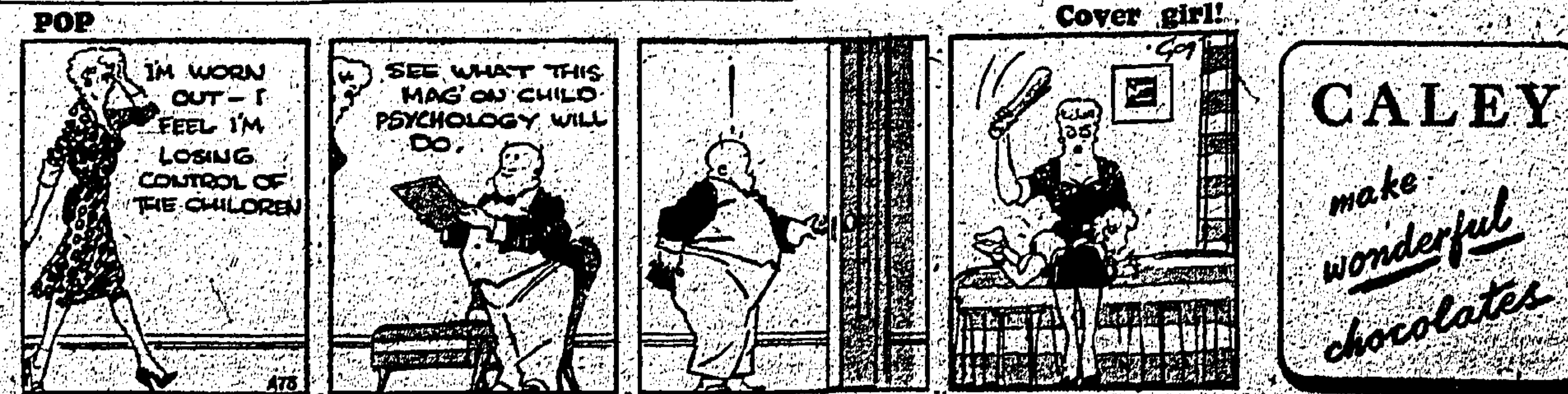
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Army Murder Trial

DEAD SERGEANT WAS JEALOUS

Duesseldorf, June 23.

Prosecution witnesses at the court martial of a British Army sergeant accused of killing a fellow sergeant today built up a picture of a romantic association between the accused and the dead man's wife.

One prosecution witness agreed under cross examination by the defence that Sergeant Reginald Watters, the dead man, was jealous and suspicious that there was "some fishy business" between his wife and the accused.

The prosecution alleges that Sergeant Frederick Emmett-Dunne, 32, formed an association with German-born Mrs. Watters, killed her husband by a blow across the throat on November 30, 1953, and rigged the body to look like suicide by hanging.

and his suspicion had become an obsession with him although he had no proof.

Warrant Officer James Henry Evans told the court earlier that about three weeks before Sergeant Watters died he told Emmett-Dunne that he would be "well advised to leave Mrs. Watters alone."

He agreed with the defence that he had no concrete proof.

MARRIED SINGER

The cause of death was originally given as suicide but the handsome silver-haired sergeant was arrested after a re-examination into Watters' death. He married Mrs. Watters, a former night club singer, seven months after Watters' death.

The defence pleads Emmett-Dunne acted in self-defence and had promised he will give the court "a complete defence."

Staff Sergeant Frederick Cricknell, a friend of the dead sergeant, agreed under cross examination that Watters had told him after an army exercise that there was some fishy business going on between his wife and Emmett-Dunne.

to offer of a clandestine affair between the two but noticed "a very familiar attitude" between them.

SHARED ROOM

Sergeant Thomas Brown, who shared a barracks room with Emmett-Dunne, said the defendant "told me there was a certain person in our mess who would commit suicide if his wife did not behave herself."

The defence suggested to Brown that "when you told him you were proposing to get married, Emmett-Dunne told you that you were crazy and it was a form of suicide to get married," the sergeant replied. "No," China Mail Special.

Ridgway Honoured



Washington, June 23. President Eisenhower today awarded the Distinguished Service Medal to General Matthew B. Ridgway for his service as Supreme Allied Commander in Europe and as Army Chief of Staff.

General Ridgway retires on Thursday as Chief of Staff. He was Supreme Commander in Europe from May 30, 1952, until he became Chief of Staff the following year.

The citation said that Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, Gen. Ridgway had provided a dynamic leadership which helped to develop NATO forces into an alert, efficient, fighting team.—United Press.

Falkland Island Dependencies

Britain May Protest To Argentina

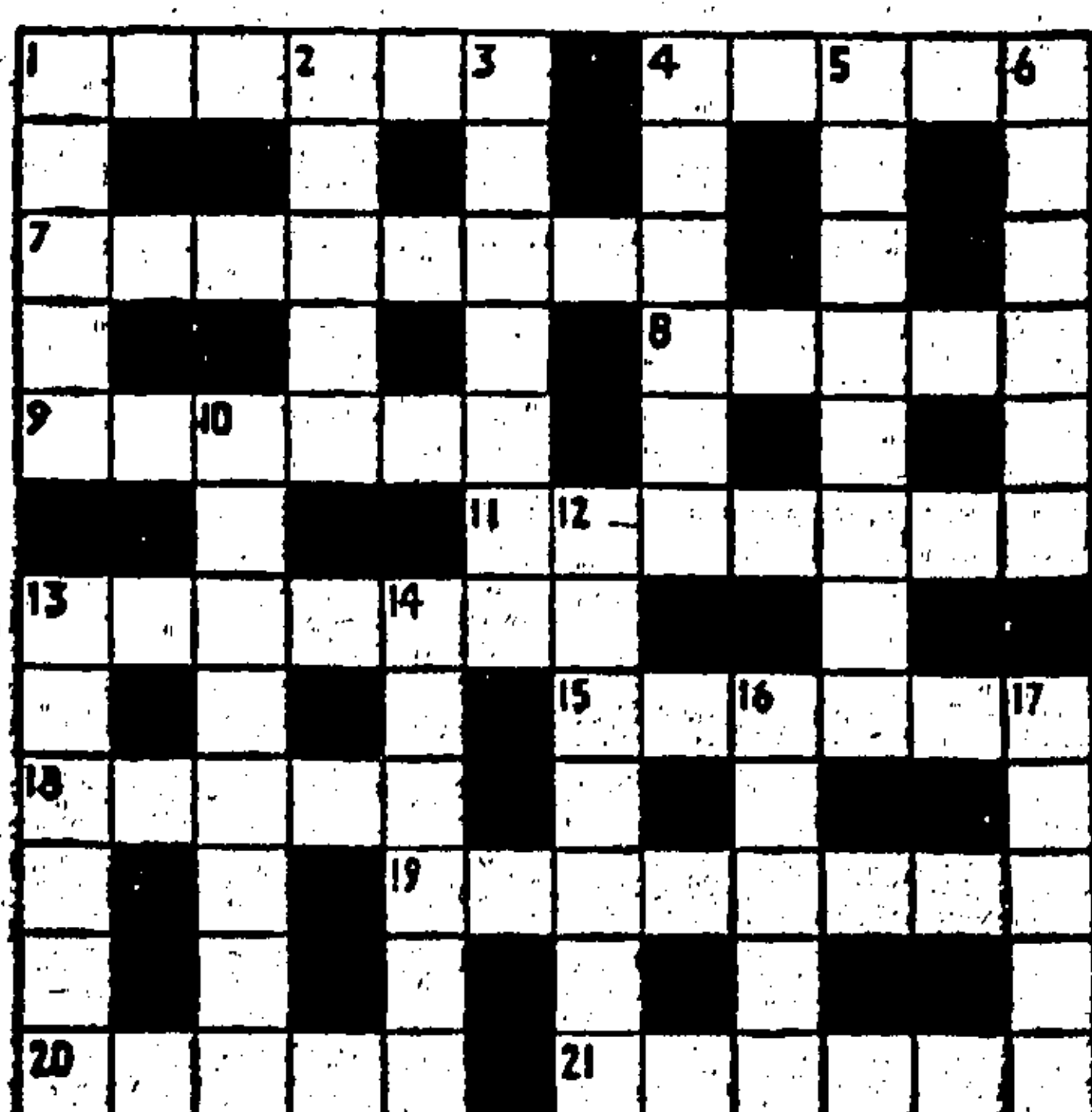
London, June 23. BRITAIN is considering protesting to Argentina against the erection of new buildings on Hope Island in the Antarctic Falkland Islands dependencies, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

The erection of these buildings did not constitute the setting up of a new Argentine base, but was the extension of an existing one, he added.

Both Argentina and Chile have claims on parts of the British-administered Falkland Islands dependencies and have set up various depots in the area.

Britain has proposed to bring the dispute before the International Court of Justice and has already submitted her case. But the Court can only pronounce judgment if the two South American Governments agree to its judging the case. They have already told Britain they will not go so.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Special outings (6).
2 Scholar (5).
3 Point out (8).
4 Seal (6).
5 Rebus (6).
6 Omnipresent (7).
7 Gives up work (7).
8 Firearm (6).
9 Assassination (5).
10 Wealth (8).
11 Kind of thread (5).
12 Echoes (6).

DOWN
1 Part of the leg (5).
2 Self-evident truth (6).
3 Alarm (7).
4 Summary (6).
5 Contrite (8).
6 Passenger ships (6).
7 Withdraws (6).
8 Marry (7).
9 Recollect (6).
10 Take away (6).
11 Stumber (5).
12 Vegetables (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Step, 4 Harrier, 8 Leas, 9 Area, 10 Sultan, 11 Note, 12 Post, 13 Erected, 17 Into, 19 Amuse, 22 Emerald, 23 Acid, 27 Lean, 28 Minaret, 29 Urg, 30 Gear, 31 Stammer, 32 Even. Down: 1 Torpor, 2 Plank, 4 Hike, 5 Ascent, 6 Retic, 7 Elong, 12 Pile, 13 Save, 15 Tour, 16 Deed, 18 Allego, 20 Mature, 21 Single, 23 Mole, 24 Realm, 25 Deter.

Initial Battle For West German Army STORMY DEBATE

Bonn, June 23.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer tonight won an initial battle in his fight for Parliamentary authority to put 6,000 West Germans into uniforms as the first instalment of the nation's new army.

The Bundestag (Lower House) agreed by a show of hands to consider a bill to authorise recruitment of volunteers pending approval of long-term military legislation.

Approval came after a stormy debate in which Social Democrat Opposition members sharply attacked the legislation and even made a personal attack on Dr. Adenauer for concentrating power in his hands and for failing to consult the Opposition.

FORM OF VOTE

Agreement to consider the "volunteers" bill took the form of a vote to send it to the Parliamentary Security Committee for study.

The Bundestag also decided to seek the advice of committees on civil servants' status, judicial affairs and constitutional law.

Herr Fritz Erler, a leading member of the Opposition Social Democratic Party, unleashed a stormy fight in the Chamber when he declared that the principle of co-operation between the Government and the Opposition is the personality of Chancellor Adenauer.

Herr Erler said that "the German State is being built without taking into consideration the proposals of the Social Democrats—and then the Social Democrats are asked to co-operate."

The attack on the Government military programme centred on the contention that it did not sufficiently guarantee civilian supremacy over the military or parliamentary control.

These were the points on which Herr Erler criticised the "volunteer" bill, a stop-gap measure designed to get Germans into uniform by the end of the summer and serve as temporary legislation until the passage of long-term measures. Social Democratic speakers accused the Government of paying too little respect to the rights and powers of Parliament.

The bill also came in for criticism by Herr Erich Mende, a member of the Free Democratic Party, which belongs to the Adenauer Government coalition.

Herr Mende said his Party would propose amendments to the "volunteer" bill, and he urged the Government to exert pressure on Bonn's Atlantic Pact allies to take into consideration the "dangerous situation" of West Germany.

He indicated the Adenauer Government was in a position to press its point of view in NATO since Germany was now "contributing to the achievement of a balance between the blocs and therefore the establishment of peace."

NEW STORM

Herr Kurt Kiesinger, replying to attacks on the "volunteers" bill, unleashed a new storm when he told the Opposition members they were following an "all or nothing" policy.

He declared that "no one is asking you to sacrifice German democracy to the requirements of foreign policy."

He denied the Opposition charges that Government powers in West Germany were concentrated in the hands of Dr. Adenauer and reminded Parliament that it could replace the Chancellor if it disagreed with his policies.—France-Press.

Big Gold Exports From Russia

New York, June 23. Russian gold exports of so far "unprecedented" size have reached the West bloc of nations during June according to Pinks world currency report. Soviet gold exports during May and June totalled 3,500,000 ounces worth \$125,000,000. During June, the British Equalisation Fund was reported to have absorbed about \$45,000,000 and an Anglo-Swiss banking group was said by Pinks to have bought an identical quantity of the metal from Moscow.

These two sales, made in dealing and partially in Swiss francs, amounted to a dollar value of about \$90,000,000, Pinks reported.

ELEVEN TONS

In addition, two shipments, totalling 11 tons or about 350,000 ounces of gold worth \$12,300,000 have been made. The shipments to London and Switzerland, Pinks said, were made to pay for large purchases of consumer goods and food from the sterling area and from EPU countries, as well as to pay for more than \$40,000,000 of Cuban sugar bought by Moscow.

"The size of these gold exports leads to the hypothesis that the Soviet gold production, a big question mark of all gold statistics, must be considerably larger than 3,500,000 ounces a year," the financial report noted.—United Press.



Italian film stars, directors and producers who were in Rome for the Titanus International Cinema Congress, were received at the Vatican in a special audience by the Pope. Titanus, Italy's oldest motion picture company, is celebrating 52 years of activity. Picture shows: general view in the Vatican during the special audience by the Pope.—Express Photo.

US Developing Ultimate In Weapons

Washington, June 23.

The US Air Force reported today that it was making "advances" in developing an inter-continental ballistic missile, regarded as the ultimate in weapons.

The reference was contained in the semi-annual report of the Defense Department and armed services.

The Air Secretary, Mr. Harold Talbot, in the Air Force section of the report, said development of an inter-continental ballistic missile "is of critical importance to the basic security of the United States and the free world."

"EXPRESS WORRY" Senator Stuart Symington (Democrat, Missouri), former Air Secretary, recently expressed worry that the Soviet Union might be ahead in the long-range missile field.

Mr. Talbot's report, like those of the other defence chiefs, covered a six-month period ending last December 31.

Mr. Talbot said the new Boeing B-52 long-range, heavy jet bomber—the first of which will be delivered to an operating wing of the Strategic Air Command—was "the best in the world today." He said its introduction into combat units "should be of great reassurance to our people."

In his overall summary, the Secretary of Defence, Mr.

Charles Wilson, said the first half of the fiscal year now ending was directed at providing the armed forces with modern armament and organisation.

"Our ground, sea, and air forces possess a tremendous striking power, which is constantly increased by advances in weapons technology," he said. At another point Mr. Wilson said: "All the services continued to receive substantial quantities of the latest weapons and equipment. Notable improvement in combat effectiveness resulted from the conversion of numerous units in the Strategic Air Command to the B-47 jet bomber and from the introduction of the F-100 and advanced versions of the F-84, F-86 and F-89 (fighter planes) into tactical and air defence units."

NUMBERS INCREASING

"Deliveries of increasing numbers of guided missiles and free rockets as well as improved methods in the employment of atomic and non-atomic weapons enhanced the combat qualities of all the services."—Reuter.

Religious Fervour Sweeps Argentina

Buenos Aires, June 23.

An unprecedented wave of religious fervour was sweeping Argentina today in the wake of the abortive June 16 revolt against the government of President Juan D. Peron.

Roman Catholics of all social classes kept a continuous pilgrimage to churches that were burned by mobs shortly after loyal forces put down the navy-led revolt.

The San Francisco basilica and the Church of the Dominican Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary were the two most visited shrines. In its place now stands only a rough cross made by two fire-blackened pieces of wood tied by a piece of rope.

been acting Secretary-General while Vuletich attended the annual meeting of the international Labour Organisation in Geneva.

OTHER AUDIENCE

An official communiqué said President Peron first received Vuletich and de Pietro and that later he gave audience to the members of the CGT's Secretariat and General Council.

All government, CGT and congressional sources disclaimed any knowledge of Vuletich's resignation or his succession by de Pietro.

At the same time, officials of the Democratic (Conservative) Party reported the release of its members who were arrested following the June 16 revolt.—United Press.

WOMEN CRIED

Hundreds of faithful knelt constantly before the improvised cross. Many placed small bunches of flowers at its base. Several older women visitors cried silently before the ruins.

From the debris piled up in the side aisles of both churches, the faithful picked up small fragments of statues or paintings of saints to carry away as relics. Many documents mounted guard at all burned-out churches to prevent any further depredations.

In other developments of the Argentine situation, President Peron today received Secretary-General Eduardo Vuletich of the powerful General Labour Confederation (CGT) and Assistant Secretary-General Hugo de Pietro.

Reports that Vuletich had resigned and would be succeeded by de Pietro remained without confirmation. De Pietro had

American Offer To Exchange Priests

Moscow, June 23.

The United States has sent a note asking the Soviet Government to accept another Roman Catholic priest to replace Father Bissonnette, who was expelled from Russia on March 5.

The American note added that the United States Government would be willing in exchange to give an entry permit to a Russian priest.

WITHOUT PRIEST Since Father Bissonnette's expulsion, the American clergy in Moscow has been without a priest.

His dismissal from the Soviet Union after ministering for two years there followed the United States refusal to extend the residence permit of Monsignor Boris, the representative of the Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church in Moscow.—France-Press.

SOLDIER HAPPY IN THE SERVICE

London, June 23. Mr. Norman Dadds, a Labour member of Parliament, gave notice last week that he would urge the War Office to discharge Michael Frank Gazzard, RASC national serviceman, serving in Malaya, because he had had feet and a crooked arm. The request in the form of a question was to have been made in the House of Commons by Mr. Anthony Head, Minister of War, today.

But if did not appear on today's Parliamentary agenda. A War Office spokesman said today that Mr. Dadds withdrew his question on June 24.

Mr. Dadds later said he withdrew his question about Private Gazzard following the private reaction to his proposed action.

The MP said Gazzard's father had originally asked him to take up the case, complaining at the different treatment accorded to Colin Cowdrey, the cricketer who was discharged from the Air Force as medically unfit.

Mr. Dadds said he was now happy to drop the matter, and grateful to the press for spreading the word that Gazzard was happy in the forces.

"I put this to the father and he said 'that is the case, we are all happy,'" Mr. Dadds said.

He added: "But I do not think that this is any answer to the question as to why under such circumstances he is not only in the forces but is enjoying himself in the forces."—China Mail Special.

"It is the disparity of treatment which concerns me. As far as Gazzard is concerned, may be, 'long service' to enjoy himself in the forces."—China Mail Special.

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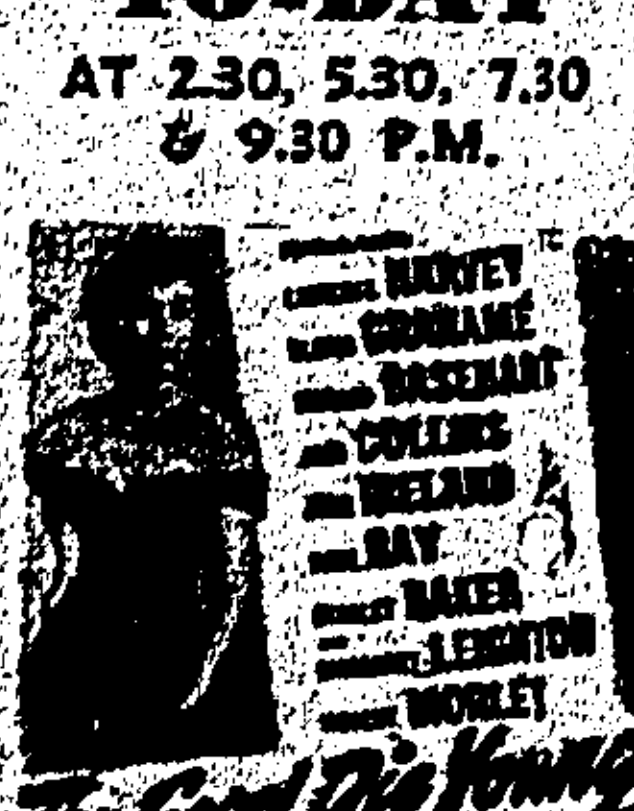
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DID IT HAPPEN?

THE SCENE ON THE BALCONY



Drawing by Koolman

I LIKE to believe now that this strange incident from my youth, and the sequel which followed it, may be attributed partly to the effect that a bottle of *vin ordinaire* had upon an over-stimulated imagination; and partly to sheer coincidence. I am not denying, however, that a quite different interpretation could be put upon it.

In the summer of 1926 I was invited by a friend to join him on a holiday in the South of France. He assured me that the couple—at whose villa he was to stay, would be delighted to see me. And he was perfectly right. For my hosts, a Captain and Mrs. Tharby, could not have given me a warmer welcome.

Well-preserved

At the end of three weeks my friend had to return to his regular job in London. But since my own job—I was writing a book at the time—could be done as well in one place as in another, Mrs. Tharby made a suggestion. Why should I not stay on at the villa for as long as I cared to, enjoying the brilliant sunshine and the blue Mediterranean to which I had become greatly attached? She and her husband, she said, would consider it a kindness on my part.

Mrs. Tharby was a Parisian. While no longer young, what beauty had been hers was wonderfully well preserved. The daughter of a distinguished mental specialist, she had for many years acted as her father's secretary. Then, on a visit to

●FACT or FICTION? Read this problem story and judge for yourself. The answer will be published tomorrow.

By SEWELL STOKES



BIOGRAPHER of Isadora Duncan and Gladys Cooper, Bow Street probation officer, film critic, prison visitor, Dick Barton's vet—at 52, Sewell Stokes has been all this and much else. Oscar Wilde—the subject of his first novel—is also the inspiration of a new novel to be published shortly.

Born at Hampstead and educated at Cambridge, Stokes is one of the few bachelors who can claim to be a recognised expert on child behaviour. He lives in Great Russell Street, near the British Museum.

England with him, she had met, and instantly fallen in love with, Captain Tharby, a retired Army officer of uncommonly handsome appearance. They were married within a month of meeting one another.

For a time all seemed well with them. They were asked out everywhere, and themselves entertained on a fairly extensive scale at a house they had taken in Eaton Square. But before long Mrs. Tharby dis-

covered that her husband drank far more than was good for him, and in his moments of elation developed a too-roving eye.

She decided, therefore, that a more secluded life, somewhere abroad, would suit them better. And since the money was hers, she had no difficulty in persuading the Captain that her decision was the right one.

Native pride

In similar circumstances an Englishwoman would no doubt have managed to rid herself of such an unsatisfactory partner. But her native pride would not allow Mrs. Tharby to admit—save in the strictest confidence—that her marriage was not all it might have been.

It was in little bursts of confidence that she gave me these details of her earlier days. Out of loyalty to him, she never spoke directly against the Captain. She excused, rather, his odd behaviour, aware, I suppose, that I could scarcely have helped noticing those occasions when he was not quite himself.

That Mrs. Tharby was a lonely woman became increasingly evident, and I understood what she had meant by saying that I would be doing a kindness in prolonging my stay. She obviously enjoyed the company of even such an immature person as myself.

It occasionally they did exchange a sharp word, it could not truthfully be said that the Tharbys ever quarrelled. Not in my presence at any rate. Indeed, she appeared on the whole to be quite good friends in their way, which made all the more surprising the strange scene that I witnessed late one night.

In a flash, it seemed, he produced a revolver and shot her

The Tharby's villa was situated in a somewhat remote spot above three miles out of Antibes, and was reached by a tortuous road winding up into the hills. In the heat of the day this climb was something of a trial. But at night-time one minded it less. And on the night in question I welcomed the opportunity it afforded me of recovering from a convivial evening.

In the company of several friends from England whom I had chanced to meet at a cafe in the town, I had drunk decidedly more of the cheap French wine than I was accustomed to. I felt none too steady when the time came to take my leave of them. Nor had I altogether recovered on arriving back at the villa. So, on a seat in the grounds I sat wondering if it was practicable for me to manage the stairs to my bedroom without disturbing the household.

In the bright moonlight the villa looked like an immense iced cake, its every detail thrown clearly into relief. There was a stillness over everything, and I had the impression of watching an empty stage, waiting for the actors to appear. Which suddenly they did. Mrs. Tharby first, followed closely by the Captain. They stepped through the tall windows on to the balcony outside their bedroom. I thought they had merely come out for a breath of air. But their actions soon proved otherwise.

Passionate embrace

For some seconds they remained side by side, gazing out towards the distant sea. Then the Captain embraced his wife passionately. Mrs. Tharby clung to him with equal fervour. Upon his releasing her, she moved backwards a few paces and stood facing her husband. And then, in a flash, it seemed, he produced a revolver and shot her. She fell to the ground. And with his head lowered, the Captain turned quickly back into the room.

Much as I wanted to believe the contrary, I was convinced that the ghastly thing had happened. At first I couldn't bring myself to move, so frozen was I with horror; and it must have been at least a quarter of an hour before I found the courage to go to the room—immediately above the Tharby's—flung up the window, and peered down on to their balcony. Where Mrs. Tharby's prostrate body should have been, nothing whatever was to be seen.

After that, I dare say I'd have looked upon the incident as no more than the result of a bad dream; had it not been for the certain fact that I recalled to my mind. A few years before, when I was 19, a woman novelist who prided herself on being psychic, had informed me that I was too. At the time I had thought she was talking absolute nonsense. But now I wasn't so sure.

The way I looked at it was this. If by some supernatural means I had been given a preview, as it were, of a tragedy that was to occur in the future, then it was my duty to speak out. And yet I couldn't hear myself interrupting one of those confidential little chats with Mrs. Tharby with the words "Oh, by the way, I think you should know that it's more than likely your husband is going to shoot you one day. So, please, do be careful!"

No more wine

What eventually decided me to say nothing was a sudden realisation that if there was something in it, then the tragedy had to happen anyway. Besides, I soon began to see the improbability of the whole situation. It wasn't even as if the shooting had taken place at the height of a quarrel. In my dream—as I now came to regard it—Mrs. Tharby and the Captain appeared to have been on the very best of terms. For him to have shot her just then would obviously have been utterly ridiculous.

I resolved, however, to keep off that potent cheap wine in future. And I remember thinking, too, that if Mrs. Tharby's distinguished father had still been

alive, I might have done worse than consult him.

After that summer I never saw the Tharbys again. A few letters passed between us; I sent them a copy of the book I had written while enjoying their hospitality; and finally our communications dwindled to an exchange of Christmas cards.

Sad end

Not until some time after the war had ended, did I learn what had become of the Tharbys. The news reached me in a most casual manner. A man I met at a party, who had lived for many years at Antibes, and still had his house there, remembered the couple, though he had never actually known them. It hardly surprised me to learn from him that both were dead. After all, they were getting on in years when I had known them.

But the man's next words shook me a little:

"Their end was rather sad, you know. At their time of life they didn't feel equal to facing the consequences of an invasion. So just before the Germans marched in, Captain Tharby shot his wife, and then himself. He left a note for the magistrate, making it quite clear that what he was about to do, he did with his wife's consent."

The more I think of it, the more convinced I am that my remote connection with the tragedy was purely coincidental.

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Nathaniel Gubbins

I SHALL never know why. May, the month of beauty and blossoming, is also the month of violence.

Many years ago May 1 was chosen as Labour Day in times of unemployment there were marches through the streets with banners and fights with the police.

May is also the favourite month for strikes. In May last year there was a railway strike. This year there were dock and railway strikes.

But apart from industrial troubles you will notice that ordinary citizens, peaceable enough during the winter, are suddenly full of hatred for other citizens at the very time when young birds are singing hopefully in the trees, believing, despite the experience of older birds, that there is such a thing as an English summer.

Right at the beginning of the month the Frinton and Walton Urban District Council made up its mind that Councillor Narbeth and Councillor Parker must sit on opposite sides of the debating table because Councillor Parker gave Councillor Narbeth a push. As the meeting Councillor Parker said that Councillor Narbeth was an amateur phenologist and made rude remarks about the shape of other councillors' heads.

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The next day it was reported that a Mr. Frederick George Perkins, 60-year-old shareholder in the firm of Sidney Slavel and Co., Ltd., had thrown eggs and tomatoes at the chairman and missed him at a range of four yards.

But on this May morning, evidently distrustful of his marksmanship, he struck the chairman on the temple, hurled his spectacles at him, was fined £5 and bound over for 12 months to keep the peace.

It was in the evening sunshine of May that Rocky Marciano appeared guilty of the attempted manslaughter of Don Cockell, and it was in May that there was some vicious quarrelling and fighting between some Vietnamese characters with the beautiful names of Ngo Dinh Diem, Van Voi Vy, Van Te Ty, Phan Cong Tac, Lee Van Vien, and Tran Trang Dung.

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When asked if a retired colonel ought to be afraid of six cold sausages, the colonel replied, "I am not afraid of my son-in-law or six cold sausages. But, in fact, there were seven cold sausages, and two of them caught me on the ear."

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Asked if the dear little chap ever played with other boys, his mother said, "No. He prefers to play with us."

How can cricket, football, leap-frog, hop-scotch, cops and robbers, cowboys and Indians compete with the fun of hitting your father with a hammer?

At The Purple Bison

MR Sparrowgrass and Mr Blowpudding had been standing at the bar of The Purple Bison for a long time. They were rocking backwards and forwards gently on their heels and toes.

Their eyes were glazed and sometimes they stared at each other in blank astonishment, sometimes with undisguised hatred. They were bored with each other. Both wanted to go home to dinner but neither had the courage to leave a safe anchorage and risk the stormy passage between bar and exit.

Mr Sparrowgrass and Mr Blowpudding had plenty to say but were incapable of saying it coherently. Mr Blowpudding's mind whirled with angry thoughts about the unreasonable Mrs. Blowpudding who the always had dinner on the table sharp at seven. Mr Sparrowgrass's mind whirled with angry thoughts about strikes, Communism, and the recent weather.

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Tale Of A Snail

As if there were not enough things in the world to worry about we now have to worry about snails.

According to Mr. P. H. Fisher, animal psychologist, they not only have a sharp eye for breath every yard of their weary little journeys but also have poor memories. This means that when they have arrived panting on the other side of the garden path they have forgotten where they are going and why they were going there, wherever it was.

If you cared about snails you would start at once to make tiny notebooks for mother snails to help them with their shopping. But even if you did what would happen?

The foolish mother snail would carefully write down "lettuce for lunch" in her notebook, pop it in her bag, call the children to follow and start off for the vegetable garden.

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As it is also revealed by Mr. Fisher that snails sometimes sing it would be a happy little party. Mother snails, free of all the worry of trying to remember anything but their notebook, would be humming a merry little tune with the children romping in slow motion round her.

After an hour's journey, or about 6ft. from home, the mother snail, plump and panting, would sit down and begin to wonder what she was supposed to remember.

"Children," she would say, "Where are we going and why?"

"We don't know," one of the brighter children would answer. "We thought you had written it down in a little book."

"So I did, you clever child," mother snail would say. "And where did I put the little book?"

"In your little bag."

"Of course, of course. In my little bag."

Well, as you might have guessed, she has left her bag at home. So they all start back for the little house under the flower pot, though none of them is singing now—and some of the children are crying.

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LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM IS A MATTER OF ECONOMICS

By JACQUELINE ENGERT

AMERICANS are marrying younger and in some states teenagers are in such a hurry they are breaking the laws by marrying under age. In 1950, the average young bridegroom was 26, his bride 22. Today, the bridegroom is 22, the bride is only 20, and high school marriages are far from rare.

Reason for the accelerating downward age trend is not romance, it's economics. Young wives are trained and willing to work to provide half the family income. This is an accepted idea today. The young husband no longer feels humiliated at being unable to support his wife. There are 20,000,000 working women in America and labour experts predict Mrs. America of the future will work except when her children are in the nursery. Frequently, she provides the only family income while young husbands finish their college education.

Parents often "subsidize" young couples. But the real fairy godmother is the prosper-

ous American economy and the "never-never." America's newly wedded rarely do without the good things of life. They can buy cars, homes, and furniture and almost have babies on "installment plan" terms.

There are additional factors. Young Americans are said to be worried about the world situation. In marriage they say they seek some kind of security—and happiness—while they may. Said one young woman: "What I feel most about living is its impermanence. The only happiness we can count on is the happiness we make for ourselves and our children."

Fewer Males

Girls, too, are very anxious about the fact that in America males are fewer than females. They want to marry their young men to the altar before someone else does. If an American girl isn't spoiled by the time she is 20, statisticians say she may be right in thinking she will never find a husband. Eligible bachelors are

rare; often they are in the forces and overseas. Out of every 100 adult American civilian males only 15 are single. A generation ago the figure was 30. For every 100 debutantes of 18 to 19, there are only 88 men aged 20 to 22 to escort them. Debutantes and country girls alike are annoyed when GIs bring home foreign brides.

Students of Columbia University, New York, and the New York University recently polled thought marriage and college definitely a possible combination. Said one student: "I think it's a great idea. The fight girl comes along. Growing up together would be fun."

Another student, 25 and the father of two, said marriage had helped his career. "You mature when you have two, three or four people to be responsible for."

More surprising is the boom in teenage marriages. American schools may have from one to 20 married

students. Ministers report more 16 and 17-year-olds marrying than ever before. They advise against it. Last year, in Detroit, marriages of girls under 16 increased by 25 percent, and between last September and this February, there were 60 under-16 marriages in the city. Some will be declared void, for the Michigan state marriage limit is 18. In some Southern states the limit is 12.

Still Young

A national report on high school marriages said that curricula may have to be adjusted to meet the needs of married students and provide a programme of marriage education. "Fewer and fewer educators," it says, "are drawing the line at married students."

Young couples are having children earlier and closer together, so when children are grown, parents are still young and sprightly enough to have a gay time. With increasing age, expectancy, today's children will grow up with more relatives than ever, and will probably be on good terms with a few sets of great-grandparents.

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

BORN today, you have a rather complex nature. On the one hand, you are dogged and persevering; yet, on the other, you are a born dreamer and much too inclined to get full of yourself, building castles in the air. You often surprise even your closest friends by the great activity you will display upon occasions for you are usually considered such a quiet, retiring person at other times.

You are, basically, a sentimental person and this is especially true when it comes to love and romance. You are always searching for the ideal one, of whom you have dreamed. If that "one and only" doesn't come along, you might never wed. Make sure, however, that you recognise it when it comes.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You may find considerable satisfaction in knowing that you have just completed a fine job.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—There is romance in the air. Might be a good idea to give the idea a little thought.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

First Glances Are Often Very Wrong

By OSWALD JACOBY

YOU might think, at first glance, that five diamonds is a better contract than five clubs. You'd be wrong, however, since the game in diamonds is beaten quickly by a club opening lead—and a club ruff. If West dares lead a low spade at that stage, East gets the lead for another club, and the contract is set two tricks.

"What of it?" you may well ask. "Five clubs can't be made, either." The fact remains that five clubs was actually made against very fine players.

West opened the king of spades and continued the suit. South ruffing the second round. Declarer led the king of clubs and continued with the queen of clubs. East refused both tricks, very wisely, and South had to abandon trumps.

If South led another trump, East would take the club ace and lead another spade. That would knock out South's last

NORTH (D) 26	
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A5	
AK10852	
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1 Pass	2 Pass
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3 Pass	4 Pass
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Opening lead—A K	

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Now East was out of luck. If he discarded, South would like-wise discard and continue with more diamonds. If East ruffed low, South would overruff and develop the hearts. If East ruffed high, South could get back to dummy later on with the ten of clubs.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: North: East: South: West: 1 Heart: Pass: 2 Spades: Pass: 3 Hearts: Pass: You, South, hold: AKQ74 WJ753 83 4AQ4 What do you do?

A—Bid four clubs. You intend to bid five hearts at your next turn. It will then be clear that you have the ace of clubs and only a singleton diamond. (The standard way of showing a singleton is to bid the other three suits when possible.)

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: AKQ74 WJ753 83 4AQ4 What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

it does! You might hesitate just too long in admitting your love—and lose it.

Since you are fond of travel it is likely that you will visit many of the far places of the earth. You are interested in studying the customs and manners of a culture different from that of your own country.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—If not completely satisfied with this month's progress, turn over a new leaf soon!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—There is something to be said for the influence of mind over matter. This attitude often helps.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Perhaps you are planning to get away for the week-end. Plan now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—The month is ending pleasantly for you. Take time out to do a little celebrating.

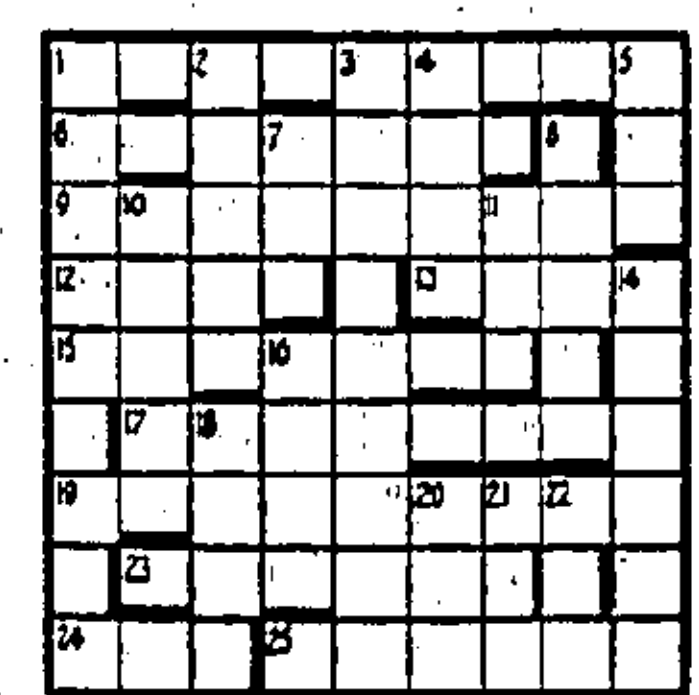
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Some plan to study during the summer months. You might enjoy looking into the idea.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If you have not been able to be as economical as you might wish lately, tighten up July's budget.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—You may be restless but don't let boredom colour your judgment. If ever, it is a time to show wisdom.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—You should be able to top off the month with an especially good stroke of business.

CROSSWORD

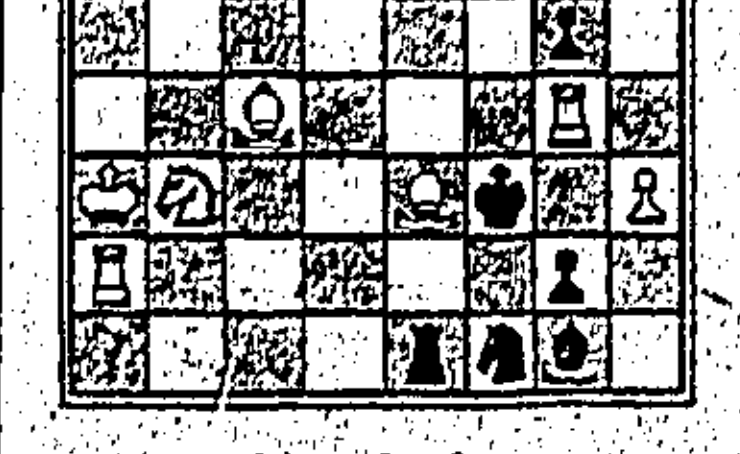


Across
1. These ugly-looking fellows seem to make very small meals!
6. A famous something is something to chew on.
9. Just the thing for a tart. (9)
12. This is a warm job to be done in this house. (4)
13. Chain this for the old fighter. (4)
15. This kind of decision may be well-considered. (7)
17. Hearsay may be just the place for them. (8)
19. Mice that make an anagram. (5)
20. Old cow of the song. (3)
21. Shadows do cast. (7)
Down
1. Doubtless (anagram). (8)
2. It's worthless. (5)
3. Mad as a cat's paw. (9)
4. It's meet to return. (4)
5. Mata Hari, for instance. (3)
7. Particular. (4)
8. Watch her often. (5)
10. The big arm is somewhere around. (6)
11. Railway without the rails. (3)
14. This man mother calls the son after. (6)
16. War goes on. (4)
18. Sapper's notes. (4)
20. Do this to the enemy. (4)
21. The demon. (4)
22. Little girl. (3)

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White, 3 pieces.
White to play, mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. K-K7, 1. B-K7, 2. R (B7)-B5, 1. R-KM, 2. R (R5)-B5, 1. BxR, 2. KtxB (ch); 1. RxB, 2. P-R4 (=Q).

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

FROM river and sea pollution it is but a wayward step to air pollution, and let it be admitted at once that the pollution of everything is a sign of healthy activity.

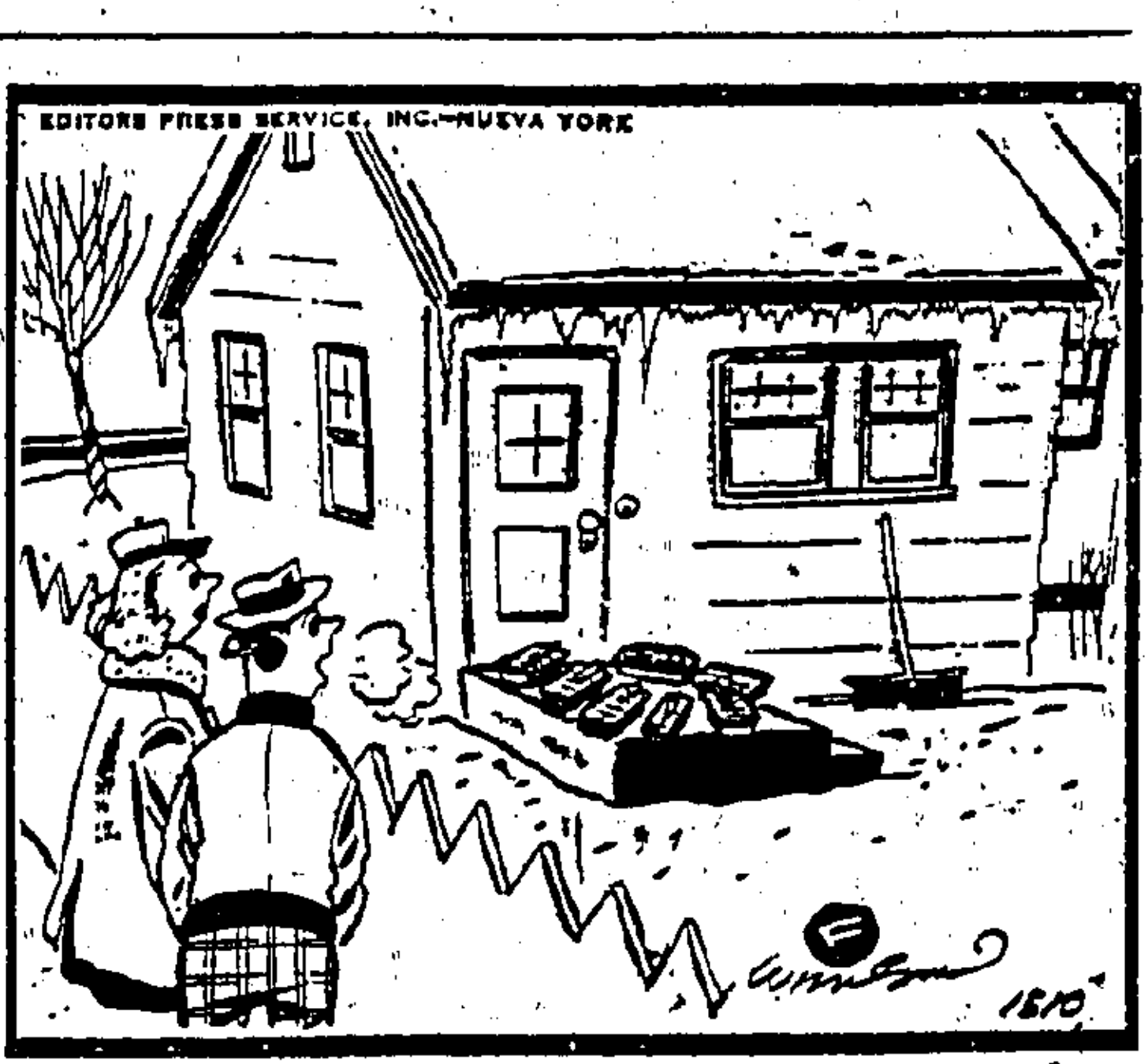
It is said that the pollution of the air we so wantonly breathe is turning white moths black, thus giving filthy smoke its chance to play a part in a rapid form of evolution. The great question is: will holes eaten in clothes by black moths be black? By the way, I knew an impulsive man who surprised a moth chewing his woollen muffler. He threw a moth-bait at it and missed. He said gloomily, "A rolling stone gathers no moth." This flash of wit is all the more blinding when one remembers that he had a lip. His name, which is quite irrelevant to the whole affair—was Cleghorn, A. L. Cleghorn. He lived at Stoke d'Abernon. With his aunt, a Mrs Flattock, widow of an architect. They were Liberals.

A pleasure, I assure you

PROGNOSIS: What infinite trouble you go to, to make a stupid pun! Myself: No trouble is too much for my exquisite public. I gladly tell my confidential secretary to instruct my private secretary to ask one of my secretaries to go to the pun file and extract some such morsel as the above.

Cocklecarrot clears the air

COCKLECARROT: We must distinguish. Hats do not grow on heads. They are placed



"Looks like they're planning a big party for tonight...."

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mr. Merlin's Magic

—Many Animals, But No Rabbit, Were in His Hat—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, let out cheerful shouts of good-morning, good-morning. The shouts and the cheerfulness and the good-mornings were for their good friend, Mr. Merlin the Magician, whom they saw riding out from behind the bookcase, where he lived in the children's room.

Mr. Merlin was riding, as it happened, on a gondola under a large balloon. On reaching the middle of the room, Mr. Merlin pulled a cord. The balloon went pop! and disappeared, and the magician dropped lightly to the floor—on his feet, of course!

"Good-morning, my dears!" he said, taking off his tall white hat and making a low and very formal bow. "And what can I do for you this splendid morning?"

Then Knarf, who had been waiting for Mr. Merlin to say just those words, answered at once: "Mr. Merlin, can you tell me a secret?"

A Magician's Secret

"A secret?" said Mr. Merlin, frowning ever so slightly. "What kind of a secret? Not a magician's secret, I hope?"

Knarf nodded. "Yesterday," he said, "we all went to a carnival. We saw a magician put his hand in a tall white hat just like the one you're wearing now, and take out a rabbit!"

"Ah, a rabbit—you don't say!" exclaimed Mr. Merlin.

"Now what I'd like to know," continued Knarf, "is how did that magician do the trick? How did he pull a rabbit out of an empty hat? What's the secret?"

By the time Knarf was through saying all this, Mr. Merlin the Magician was smiling.

An Easy Trick

"As a rule," he said, "we magicians don't tell anyone the secrets of our tricks. But pulling a rabbit out of a hat is such an easy trick that every magician in the world, and lots of other people besides, know how to do it. So I don't mind your learning the secret."

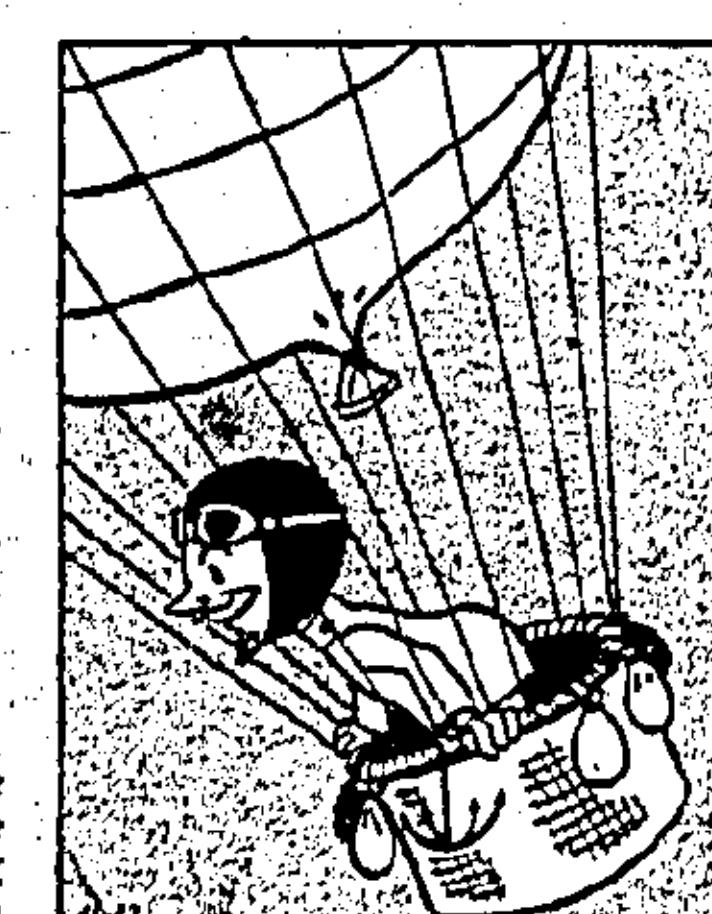
"Oh, how wonderful!" exclaimed Knarf, grinning broadly. Hanid felt very pleased, too. She had often wanted to ask Mr. Merlin to teach her the rabbit trick.

Mr. Merlin now took off his tall white hat and shook it out upside down just to show that it was empty.

"Please watch me very carefully," he said, "and you'll see how easy it is to pull a rabbit out of a hat. Here we go!"

Saying this, Mr. Merlin reached into the empty hat, he said, drawing his hand out. But it wasn't a rabbit! Something was flapping wildly and sending feathers flying all over the room!

"It's a goose!" cried Knarf. Mr. Merlin looked surprised. "Something must have gone wrong," he said. "I've pulled hundreds of rabbits out of this hat. I'll try again. Watch!"



Mr. Merlin was riding on a gondola under a large balloon

They watched. This time Mr. Merlin pulled out something with black fur and green eyes! "It's a cat!" cried Hanid. "I can't understand it!" said Mr. Merlin. "I'll get that rabbit yet!"

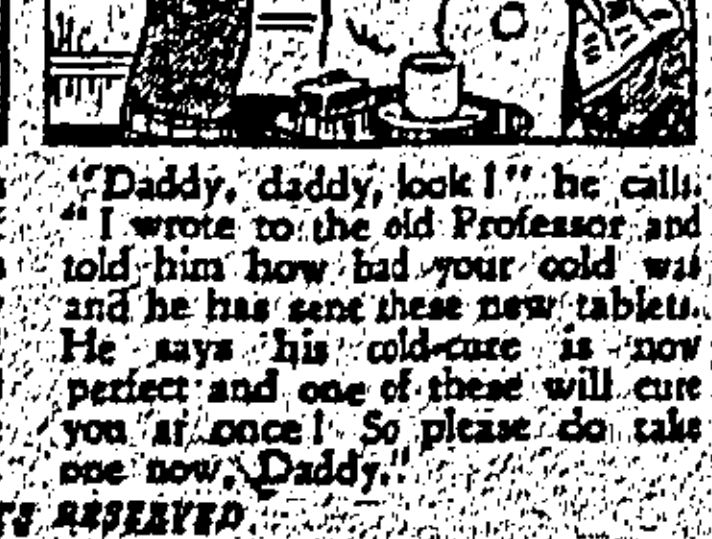
Still No Rabbit

Mr. Merlin kept sticking his hand in his hat faster and faster. Faster and faster he pulled out a dog, a frog, a butterfly, a goat, a calf, a bunch of carrots, a mop and finally a donkey which uttered a loud bray and trotted off with Mr. Merlin's hat on his head into the garden.

Mr. Merlin was so puzzled he couldn't speak. "Something did go wrong—very wrong," said Knarf. Mr. Merlin's forehead was wet with perspiration. He took a handkerchief out of his pocket to mop his brow and out fell a rabbit!

"There! I knew it was around somewhere!" said Mr. Merlin. But that was all he would say!

Rupert and the Cold-cure—31



Still chuckling, Mr. Bear's puzzled expression the Dwarf thrusts the parcel into Rupert's hands and makes off while they watch him from the gate. Rupert hurriedly opens the package and reads the note inside it. Then he dashes indoors to find Mr. Bear.

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WOMANSENSE

POPLIN JACKET WITH DOTTED LINING



This loose poplin jacket is lined with a spotted material which is complemented by the dotted scarf on the neck of the slim fitting dress. By Horrocks of London.—Express Photo.

Food Poisoning Due To Various Causes

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

FOOD poisoning is a potential hazard to almost all of us. Fortunately, the vast majority of those stricken do not become seriously ill. You may be uncomfortable for a few hours, or even days, but within a short time, you're up and around again, looking for something to eat.

Food poisoning, of course, results from contaminated foods. Probably most often to blame are fish and meat dishes, custards, pies and sometimes ice cream. These foods, if contaminated and stored at relatively warm temperatures, are more likely to cause food poisoning. Thus, you should be especially alert for spoiled foods during the warm months of July, August and September.

But this hazard is not limited to those three months. Rats, mice and humans are often responsible for contamination. If persons handling your food have skin eruptions on their hands or arms, look out, in cases like this, cooking doesn't necessarily render the food safe to eat. Thorough cooking, however, is always essential, and in many instances will destroy the organ-

isms which are responsible for the contamination. While spoiled foods will make most people somewhat ill, and can even cause death, others can eat them with apparent impunity. You see, all of us are not equally susceptible to poisoning from contaminated foods.

Symptoms can develop within a few hours after eating or they can come as late as 12 to 24 hours after the meal. Usually, you will feel a colicky pain, become nauseated, and begin vomiting. You'll probably have diarrhoea, too. Sometimes you may have a fever for several days.

The vast majority of you will recover completely within a few days, or a week at the most. In severe cases, however, recovery will take much longer. In such instances, you are likely to have cramps in your calves, you will urinate less frequently and your circulation will be slowed.

If you suffer an attack of food poisoning even a mild case, the best place for you is in bed. You can usually relieve the colic by placing an electric heating pad or a hot water bottle on your abdomen. As long as the symptoms remain, don't eat anything. Take only water and glucose.

Household Hints

To give scatter rugs extra body and make them lie flat, try adding a small amount of liquid starch in the final rinse water during laundry.

Wash your fine china as soon as possible after mealtime because food deposits may "eat" into the surface of the design.

To prevent cake fillings from soaking into the cake, sprinkle the layers with powdered sugar before frosting.

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A QUESTION ASKED OF FIVE CANDIDATES FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

By J. L. MANNING

Far be it for me to poke my nose into an election, but I cannot allow to pass unattended the announcement of nominations for President of the Football League. It is one of the most important jobs in sport.

So I telephoned the candidates and put to them this question: If you are elected will you pledge yourself to work for the detection of irregularities in League football which arise from offers of forbidden inducements by clubs to players?

Here are the replies of four of the five candidates:

Mr. W. J. Harrop (Liverpool): Yes. That is what we are there for. We know it is going on but need evidence. What is the use of having rules if some people sit up all night thinking out ways of breaking them?

Mr. J. H. W. Means (Chelsea): No comment.

Mr. A. H. Oakley (Wolverhampton): I always have done and always shall. I want a straight deal for everybody. **Mr. J. Richards (Barnsley):** I have no right as a legislator to tolerate any kind of irregularities which should be suppressed if the evidence could be obtained.

Mr. H. Shentall (Chesterfield): was unavailable every time I telephoned.

The election takes place at a special meeting of the League at the end of this week. For which man would you vote?

PROBE ON SANTEE

World famous runner Wes Santee went to the American Athletic Union Championships at Boulder, Colorado, last week-end with something on his mind besides breaking four minutes for the mile.

He also discussed expenses with officials. And not without reason.

As a note of interest to all concerned in the promotion of this amateur sport I reproduce a summary of detailed allegations published in the San Francisco Chronicle earlier this month of amounts said to have been received as expenses by Santee during a month's tour of California:

Date	Meeting	Amount
May 14	Fresno	\$125
May 20	Coliseum	\$350
May 21	Modesto	\$140
June 3	Compton	\$270
June 10	San Jose	\$160

This is a total of \$1,045.

Santee says the figures are fantastic. Organising officials of two meetings confirmed their amounts, but said there was "nothing undercover" about them.

OVER TO LONDON!

There is much sympathy for Santee as he declares his innocence. Americans remember that the Olympic pole-vaulter and parson, Rev. Bob Richards, earlier this year appeared on a TV programme called "Your Life" and was presented with a car for use in his parish.

Next day athletic officials kicked up a fuss. They told Richards he would lose his amateur status. The broadcasting company insisted on giving the car, and a crisis was averted only by Richards's church getting the limousine.

The Yanks are now asking "Why should amateur athletes have to struggle on \$5-a-day expenses when amateur lawn tennis players tour the world living unchallenged in the lap of luxury all the year round?" (The American AAU has apparently cleared Santee of all the charges as the news yesterday was that he had been selected for an AAU team to tour Europe in September.—Sports Ed.)

CENTRE COURT SHOCK

While enjoying a preview of Wimbledon, where Australia and the U.S. pot-hunt during the next ten days, I saw something

which shocked me more than a busy-body MP's questions about Colin Cowdrey.

On the centre court grew a weed. A plantain as big as a half-crown. I spoke sharply to the weeding No. 1 groundsman, Edwin Fuller.

He looked at it reflectively. Then said: "I suppose I mustn't grub it. It would be poor soil if a weed didn't grow there."

It doesn't now. The architect who planned the £100,000 repair and extension work around the courts killed all hope of more tickets for our greatest sporting show. Grandstands cannot be made any bigger, he said, without shutting out sunshine and balmy air-currents from the turf.

It that happened not even plantains would grow there.

WAY TO ESCAPE

Five fine days, ironically, are rarely needed to decide a Test. So far as England is concerned only one five-day game not cut short by rain has been drawn since the war.

Thus I urge the reduction of standard Test hours from 30 to 24—BUT GUARANTEE THAT PERIOD OF ACTUAL PLAY BY MAKING UP TIME LOST THROUGH BAD WEATHER. If this reform is not carried out Test cricket will become the old-age pensioner of sport. It is stooping low already.

Meanwhile to watchers of slumberland cricket I commend the pre-war practice of Bill Andrews, of Somerset, who carried a tent around with him, and the post-war practice of Brian Close, of Yorkshire, who has bunked in his station-wagon.

To what will London's Harringay Stadium turn next? They dropped speedway racing because they believed reports of its death.

Stock-car racing, a funny business, was introduced. There was lavish publicity ballyhoo. Now it is announced that the so-called "world championships" will be their last regular promotion.

REPEATED QUESTION

Most repeated question on radio these days is "What is happening to Gordon?" Sir Gordon Richards was granted a trainer's licence at the start of the year and he has 30 expensive two-year-olds at Bockhampton.

With what result? One winner, Sir Sizer, who scored in two minor events at Windsor and Leicester. But because the horse arrived at his yard barely a fortnight before Windsor, "winner trained by Sir Gordon Richards" is little more than a formal entry in the "Racing Calendar."

Carter 3-1 Favourite To Retain His Lightweight Title

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HAS THE SHARPNESS At 31, Carter is giving away five years to the fourth-ranked contender from Cincinnati, Ohio, but little else save perhaps a little extra zing to his punch. However, where Smith has the zing, Carter has the sharpness and staying power.

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Experts believe he is following the patient methods of the late Fred Darling, but even knowing eyebrows arched a bit when Salisbury, exploited for years by Beckhampton juveniles, went by without a winner.

Upsetting, too, was that at Salisbury his youngsters appeared very "green" to the racing game. Two of them, deposited "Scobie," Bransley on the ground instead of showing off their lines in the parade ring.

Tongues often wag in racing without cause. Yet no one was surprised when it was made known that Sir Gordon had no runners at Royal Ascot. Even if plans are revised now only two from the stable have engagements they can fulfil.

Questions always will be asked about this uncommunicative knight of the turf. Among them are these: Are his two year-olds, which cost so much money, proving worth while? Are they so good that they need wrapping up in cotton wool for next year's classics?

I hope Sir Gordon gets a pot-boiler soon and that his list of patrons one day will stand in parison with those of his riding days. It does not at present.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

Everywhere boxing promoter Jack Solomons goes he is decked out and admired. This is because he makes such jolly and sportsmanlike remarks.

Consider his friendly and loyal words, published last week in an open letter to Mr. J. Onslow Fane, Old Etonian President of the British Boxing Board of Control. Mr. Fane had been to Paris to represent Britain at a meeting of the World Championship Committee. Their task was to root out pernicious "return fight" clauses and goings-on of the sort which marred Don Cockell's title fight with Rocky Marciano.

Wrote Solomons to Fane, "One of my best friends making a bit of a chump of himself?" "Being a fully paid-up member of the Board of Control I consider I have the right to elicit that you have been using your time and money talking world championships with foreigners. What have your committees done about these abuses? Sweet nothing, for the simple reason that the American boys with the money bags don't want any part of you."

But who do you think in Britain does the most part of deals with the American boys and their money bags? I will tell you. Mr. Jack Solomons. Solomons should learn the wisdom of occasional silence. The Stewards of the Board, at once should give him the first lesson.

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ONLY REPORTING



Maureen Connolly, triple Champion at Wimbledon at 20, walks hand-in-hand with her husband, U.S. Olympic horseman Norman Brinker, at London Airport. They are in England on their honeymoon, and Maureen is reporting on the Wimbledon tournament. —Central Press Photo.

Rosewall And Trabert Favoured To Enter Men's Singles Final

Wimbledon, June 28.

The semi-finals of the Wimbledon Championships Men's Singles will be played off tomorrow. The two favourites to meet in the final are the number one and two seeds, Tony Trabert (United States) and Ken Rosewall (Australia).

If there is to be a surprise, it could well be Badge Patty, who could upset his compatriot Trabert. However, Patty contracted a tennis elbow at the end of his quarter-finals match yesterday and may not be fully fit for tomorrow's big test.

Kurt Nielson (Denmark) a good but somewhat erratic player, was not expected to beat Rosewall in the other semi-finals.

The all-American Women's Singles semi-finals will be played off on Thursday. Doris Hart will be opposed by Miss Baker-Fleitz, whose ambidextrous game was brilliant in her quarter-finals today and may give Miss Hart some trouble.

In the other semi-final Miss Louis Brough will be opposed by a younger but equally hard hitting player in Darlene Hard. This also promises to be a good match.

Achkar Ali of India won his way through the first round of the Wimbledon Junior Championships today, by defeating H. Zeljke of Yugoslavia by 6-2, 6-3.—France-Press.

EARLIER RESULTS

Men's Doubles—Quarter-Final N. Fraser and Miss B. Penrose (Australia) beat Miss M. Eyre and Miss V. White (Britain) 4-6, 6-1, 6-3; Miss R. Walsh and Miss R. Woodgate (Britain) beat Miss A. Brighton and Mrs. J. Queich (Britain) 7-5, 6-3.

Third Round Miss S. Muller and Mrs. L. Hoad (Australia) beat Miss J. Middleton and Miss D. Spillers (Britain) 6-2, 6-4; Miss D. Killian and Mrs. H. Redick Smith (South Africa) beat Miss M. Carter and Miss B. Penrose (Australia) 6-2, 6-2.

Men's Doubles Quarter-finals—K. Rosewall and N. Fraser (Australia) beat H. Flam (U.S.) and A. Quist (Australia) 6-4, 6-6, 8-6, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles Third round.—L. Ayala (Chile) and Miss L. Felix (U.S.) beat W. Knight and Miss S. Bloomer (Britain) 6-4, 10-8; H. Stewart (U.S.) and Mrs. E. Volmer (Germany) beat J. Molnar (France) and Miss G. Butler (U.S.) 6-4, 8-1.—United Press and Reuter.

N. Fraser and Miss B. Penrose (Australia) beat N. Pietrangeli and Mrs. N. Migliori (Italy) 6-3, 6-2.

G. Paish and Mrs. J. Cawthorn (Britain) beat A. Dawes and Mrs. A. Dawes (Britain) 6-4, 6-1; S. Davidson (Sweden) and Miss A. Buxton (Britain) beat T. Fancourt (South Africa) and Miss S. Griffin (Britain) 12-14, 6-3, 6-2.

E. Morea (Argentina) and Miss L. Brough (United States) beat R. Krishnan and Miss R. Davar (India) 6-3, 6-4.

Fourth Round L. Hoad and Mrs. L. Hoad (Australia) beat L. Ayala (Chile) and Miss L. Felix (U.S.) 6-4, 6-4.—Reuter.

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OUR QUEEN AND THE TURF

The Man Who Knew Everything About Horses Taught The Queen To Ride

By JOHN HALL and JOHN RICKMAN

Mr Henry Owen knows more about the Queen's love for horses than anyone else. He taught her to ride, taught her horsemanship. He is 76 now, hobbled with arthritis, lives on pension in the barracks adjoining the Royal Mews at Windsor.

He does not go out much. spends most of his time in his sitting-room surrounded by a unique collection of royal photographs, most of them signed copies sent to him personally, all of them collectors' dreams.

He does not see casual visitors; like most of the people serving royalty he is careful never to talk about "the Royals," as members of the Royal Family are called by their domestic staffs.

Henry Owen comes from Tarporley, Cheshire, was groom to King George VI, then Duke of York, when at the age of three Princess Elizabeth was given her first pony, a Shetland, Peggy, a present from "Grandpapa," King George V.

The Princess made her first appearance in public on horseback on Peggy. It was in April 1931.

Her father was hunting with the Pychley. It was the last meet for one of the hunt servants, Frank Freeman, and the Duke of York, said he would like his daughter to be "entered" by "the finest huntsman of his time."

FIRST FAVOURITE

The young Princess's first real favourite was Snowball, near-white, 11 hands high, and lively. She got Snowball when she was seven, and astride the pony, out riding with Owen, she spent many happy hours.

They would talk about all sorts of things, but mostly about horses. There was discussion about events in Anna Sewall's children's classic, "Black Beauty," which was one of the Princess's favourite books.

Owen learned how the Princess had decided many years earlier: "If I ever a Queen I shall make a law that there must be no riding on Sundays; horses should have a rest too."

Now most people who have close association with them agree that horses are outstandingly the least intelligent of the domesticated animals. You can fool a horse with the same simple trick a thousand times.

You can teach it simple things and there is little likelihood of their being dislodged from its mind by other ideas. Horses are wary of an animal which shows real intelligence. They say in the derogatory sense that it is cunning; call it a "dog."

Snowball was not a "dog" but it had personality and demanded that anyone who rode it should be ever on the alert—no else. Older people at Windsor Castle remember Owen, enjoying again and again: "Keep on your guard, your Royal Highness," and Princess Elizabeth answering: "Yes, of course, Owen."

Once she did not. The two were riding in the Great Park, pulled up for a breather. Princess Elizabeth let go her reins with one hand, rested the hand on Snowball's loins. Snowball, alert as usual, leapt forward.

Down went the Princess. The pony was quickly caught, the Princess remounted. "Snowball," she said severely, "that was very, very naughty of you."

She loved Snowball and she loved talking horses with Owen.

KIND OF ORACLE He was a kind of oracle; he seemed to know so much about really interesting things. It became the Princess's habit, in the family circle, to preface statements with "Owen says..."

Once when she put a question to her father he answered: "But why ask me? Who am I to tell you? Ask Owen, he knows everything."

Owen was determined the little Princess should learn to ride correctly or, perhaps more accurately, to sit correctly.

Owen's repeated call: "Curl in underneath, your Royal Highness" (in the modern idiom that would be "Tuck your tail in") is still recalled with amusement. The Princess had to sit straight, "bucked in," and, above all, she had to hold her horse properly.

Later that master-horseman Horace Smith, who has a riding school at Holyport, near Windsor, was called in to teach the Princess, and he, too, helped to develop her affection for horses. He went to Windsor and she went to his riding school.

"Painstaking and always very eager to get things right," says Mr. Smith. "What struck every one at Holyport was the rigidity of her schedule. She would arrive exactly on time and would have to leave immediately the lesson was timed to end."

It has always been the same. Even at the Castle the moment her time for say riding ended someone, a tutor or an instructor, would be waiting to "collect" her for her next lesson.

However much she might wish to, she was never allowed to overtake. As a girl the Queen learned to jump and become sufficiently proficient to be able to go hunting. She followed the Duke of Beaufort's pack in 1943, but there is no record of her having hunted since she became Queen.

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WITCH DOCTOR CULT SPREADING IN NEW ZEALAND

Wellington, June 28.

The cult of the witch doctor is spreading with renewed vigour among New Zealand's civilised, city-dwelling Maori people.

The once mighty Tohungas whose power was believed to have waned with the European invasion of the late nineteenth century are practising today in the heart of Auckland as well as in the remotest Maori settlements.

Even Maoris who are devout Christians still rely on the rites of the Tohungas as an additional spiritual safeguard. Women in maternity homes in Auckland are known to have the "Tapu", which applies to woman and child after childbirth, removed before they return home. This rite is performed in addition to Christian Baptism, which is carried out later.

Social workers explain the removal of the power of the Tohungas as arising from the defensive attitude taken by the Maoris in their clash with the European way of life. Uncertainty of their destiny and jealousy of their heritage, they find security and consolation in these reflections of Maori thought and feeling.

DOCTORS DISTUSTED

Sometimes Maoris consult the Tohunga before undergoing accepted medical treatment. Their attitude is governed by distrust of doctors, an inherent faith in their own remedies, and superstitious regard for the powers of the Tohunga. This is thought likely to persist for several generations.

The activities of most of these Tohungas resemble closely those of European quacks. Trickery and deception are the stock-in-trade of some, but "miracles" such as those that were credited to the old-time Tohungas, are not always easily accepted. Where they have been tried, and exposed, too, more than one claimant of divine powers has been run out of his village.

This occurred recently on the east coast where a Tohunga's heavenly lights proved to be those of a service car, which appeared regularly at a certain time. Some Maoris believe that sickness is caused by Maori means and can only be cured by Maori methods. From this comes the belief in "makutu", or witchcraft. Although difficult to detect, evidence suggests that black art is also fairly widespread.

ATTENTION DRAWN

Doctors, clergymen, district nurses and welfare officers have drawn attention to its existence. But they are people with whom the Maori is least likely to discuss it.

Physicists have encountered a number of cases in which the only explanation of the mental disorder was that the patient was the victim of the "evil eye". "Makutu" has even been given as the clinical diagnosis of the malady for the victim is afflicted by an evil influence is sufficient to affect the mind of the susceptible Maori.

A recent case involved a 16-year-old girl who said at school that she was a victim of makutu. She alleged that her father was told in a dream that a certain person, prompted by jealousy, had bewitched his daughter. When the name was suggested to the girl, she became more agitated for she believed that the curse was taking full effect.

FEAR SPREAD

Ten fear spread to other Maoris in the school. After she had been examined by a psy-

chiatrist, who removed her from the district, her confidence gradually returned.

In the North Island, New Zealand's far northern peninsula, where Maoris believe the spirits of the dead leap into the sea to return to their lost island home of Hawaiki, a six-year-old child was recently believed to be harbouring a devil. Cold water is the age-old Maori treatment for this condition. So the child was regularly dipped in sacred water at dawn and sunset, summer and winter, on the recommendation of a Tohunga. Further treatment was to shut the child in a room, and beat it to drive out the devil.

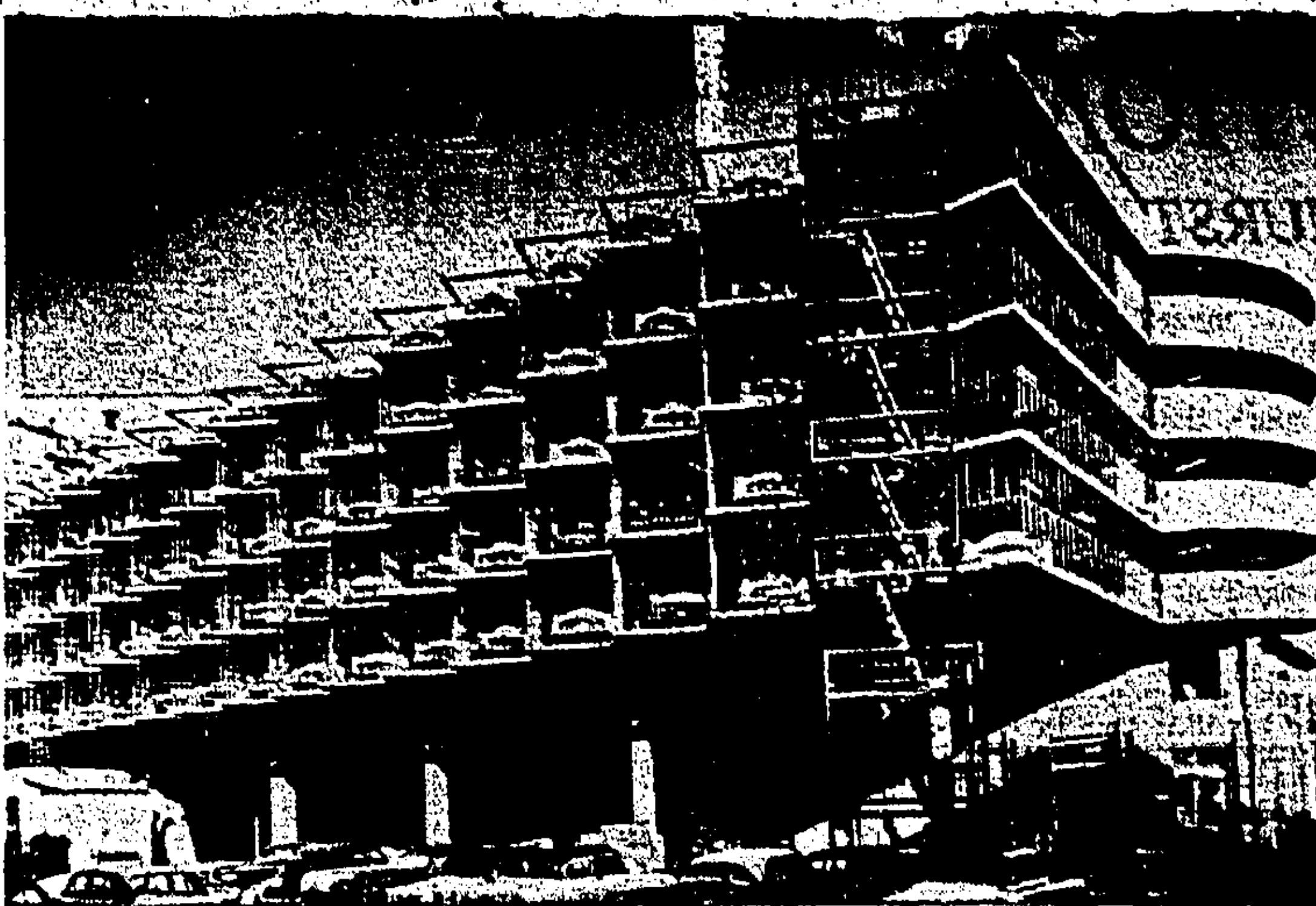
The mother, who was supposed to have inherited the mana of the Tohunga, carried out some of the treatment. The father, on the other hand, disapproved, and in despair drew public attention to the Tohunga by firing six .303 bullets through the Tohunga's house at a range of 150 yards.

Although he was charged, the Court appreciated his motives and put him on probation. The Tohunga was successfully exposed.—China Mail Special.

JET COMPLAINT

London, June 28.
Supersonic bangs from low-flying jet war planes swooping low over Barnstaple, north Devon holiday and fishing centre, are giving heart attacks to elderly people, Mayor A. W. Clarke has told the Royal Air Force.—China Mail Special.

The Garage On Stilts



RECORD EGYPTIAN BUDGET

Cairo, June 28.

The Egyptian Government today allocated E£55 million (about £56,375,000) to the armed forces out of a recorded national budget of E£315,259,572 (about £323,141,061) for the year 1955-56.

A spokesman of the Egyptian Council of Ministers announced the figures after a seven-hour meeting.

The total sum was divided into the following three sections: E£238,300,000 (about £244,257,500) for the ordinary State budget, which included the War Ministry's E£55 million; E£24,248,972 (about £25,505,190) for national production projects; E£22,110,600 (about £22,278,365) for public services. The spokesman said there was E£12 million (about £12,300,000) left over from last year's budget.—Reuters.

In order to overcome parking problems in one of the biggest shopping centres of Salt Lake City, United States, has been built the "Garage on stilts" in which 542 cars can be parked at one time. In design it looks like a mammoth book-case, and it is a department store's answer to the problem of the congested "downtown" area. The still-like effect of the garage can be seen in this picture. The five parking floors have zig-zag edges to reduce load and act as parking spaces. Ramps take the cars from one level to the next. — Express Photo.

LUFTHANSA IN IATA

London, June 28.

The new German civil airline, Deutsche Lufthansa, has been admitted to an active member of the International Air Transport Association, it was announced today in London.

IATA has now 73 member companies throughout the world.—Reuters.

Rockefeller In Germany

Bonn, June 28.

Mr. Nelson Rockefeller, an adviser to President Eisenhower, and Assistant Secretary of Defence Struve Hensel arrived here by special plane from Washington today.

Their visit, expected to last till Thursday, was believed to be connected with negotiations for an agreement under which the United States will supply the new West German armed forces with military equipment. An American-German arms aid agreement is expected to be signed shortly.—Reuters.

DRAFT EXTENSION

Washington, June 28.

The House today passed a two-year extension of the Draft and a four-year extension of the Regular Draft. It thus ended a fight which had threatened to stall the whole military draft system.—United Press.

AUSTRIAN LAKE MAY HOLD PLANE-LOAD OF TREASURE

Vienna, June 28.

The last secrets of Hitler's German Reich and considerable treasure in gold and platinum may lie hidden under the cool, blue surface of Lake Atter, set like a giant sapphire among the rugged Austrian mountains.

How it got there has not been entirely explained. Nor does anyone living know exactly what is buried beneath the waters of the lake in which thousands of holiday-makers splash happily every summer.

But the indications are that whoever succeeds in recovering the wreckage of a Nazi aircraft which sank in the lake in April 1945 will be a rich man for life. The story goes back to the closing stages of the war, when British and American tanks were advancing into the heart of Germany and Soviet armies were poised along the River Oder, ready to deal the death blow at Berlin where Hitler was ensconced in his bombproof bunker.

Since then, however, the two men have vanished. Intelligence officers of the American armies which soon after this incident occupied Western Austria failed to find any trace of them in the multitudinous prisoners-of-war cages which sprang up all over Germany and Austria. A rumour went round, and persisted, that the aircraft had been carrying Hitler's personal treasures and secret files.

ATTEMPT ABANDONED

The first attempts to salvage the wreck were made in 1947. Success seemed near when the anchors caught in some solid object on the bottom of the lake. Then the drag-lines snapped and the attempt was abandoned.

The villagers, however, continued to talk of the sunken plane, its disappearing crew and its mysterious cargo. In the summer of 1953, another recovery crew, including divers with modern equipment, set to work. They discovered that the aircraft lay about 70 metres (230 feet) down and that the waters of the lake became very murky below a depth of about 30 metres (100 feet). After several weeks of slow, laborious searching a diver made a remarkable find: it was the statuette of an ape sitting on a collection of the works of Darwin and contemplating a human skull in its paw. Experts believed that although this object might have come from the plane, this was unlikely. Other explanations put forward were that Alfred Rosenberg, the Nazi Minister for Occupied Territories, had owned a villa near the lake and that the ape-statue, symbolising the Darwinian theory of man's descent from the ape, may have been one of his possessions. Other objects recovered from the lake-bed included German-type small arms and a crank teleprinter. The recovery crew stopped work soon after that, giving shortage of funds as the reason. But it leaked out that they had also found platinum pencils.

Whether these came from the Junkers 88 or from Rosenberg's property or from some other source has not been established. Two years have passed since this episode, and no more salvage attempts have been made. But the rumours persist. Recently, a discovery made by a newspaper reporter from Graz gave them a fresh lease of life and a new foundation of fact. The reporter, who insists on remaining anonymous, found a former Luftwaffe officer, a certain Major K. who commanded a flight of three Junkers 88's from Berlin to Salzburg on April 18, 1945.

RECEIVED ORDER
In April 1945, Major K. was in Berlin when he received an order signed by Hitler to prepare a flight of three machines for an unnamed destination. In those days, it was not easy to lay hands on three emergency aeroplanes in Berlin for non-combat tasks, even on Hitler's order, but the Major did it and reported to the Fuehrer on April 17.

The Fuehrer then personally ordered Major K. to fly 48 sealed chests and one unnamed passenger to Salzburg "at all costs." The cargo was loaded the same night. The lone passenger was a man of about 40 who all the time wore a coat with upturned collar and sunglasses, and never spoke a word. His identity has never been established.

The aircraft were about to take off in the small hours of April 18 when a lorry carrying six more sealed metal boxes drove up. These, too, were loaded, and the aircraft flew off towards Salzburg.

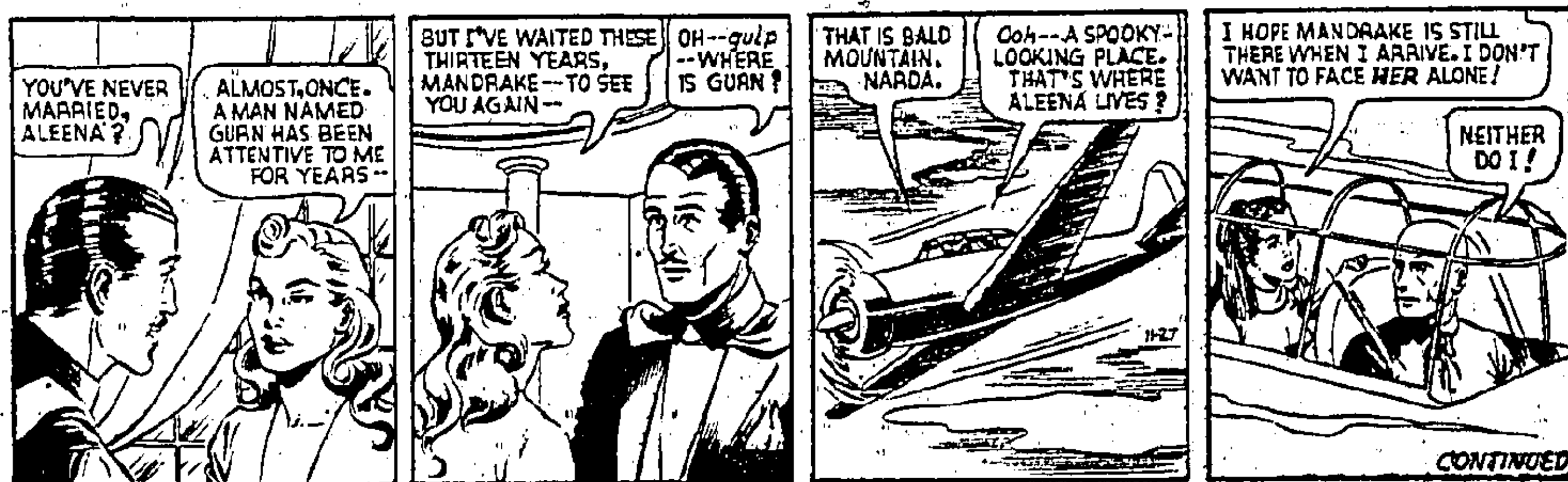
They passed safely over Leipzig and Munich, but a flight of American fighters struck at them on the last stage of the journey when Salzburg was almost in sight.

"One machine was severely damaged, and I saw it make a forced landing on a lake," the Major is reported to have said. "But I and the other machine made it to Salzburg."

The cargo of the two remaining aircraft was unloaded by SS-men and civilians who seemed to be expecting them. Major K. said he only discovered after arrival that the chests held: secret documents from Hitler's Chancellery, art treasures from museums and gold and platinum.—China Mail Special.

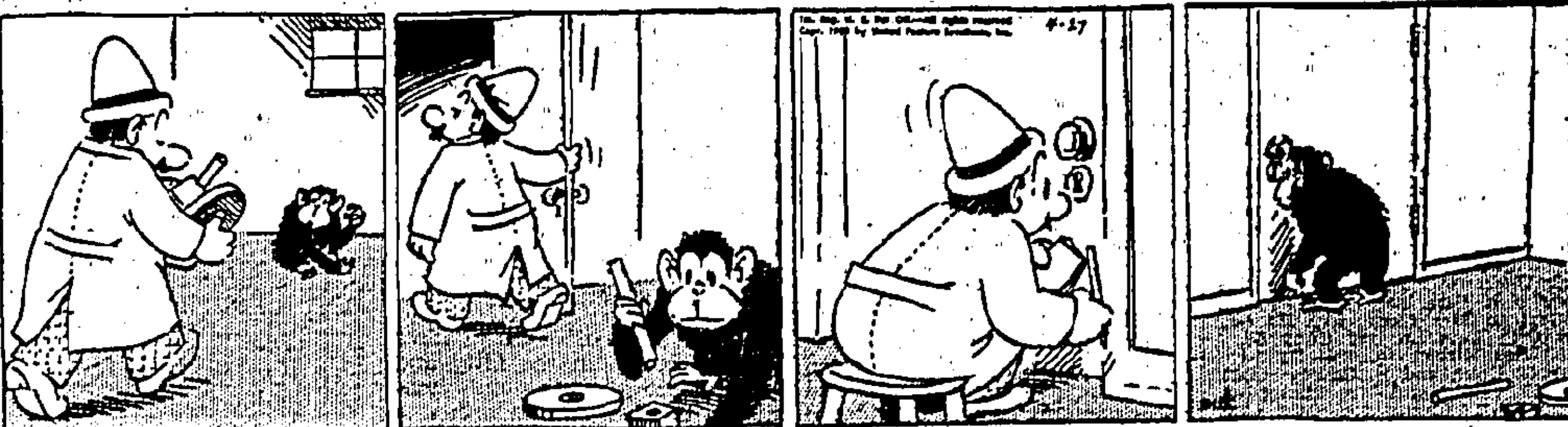
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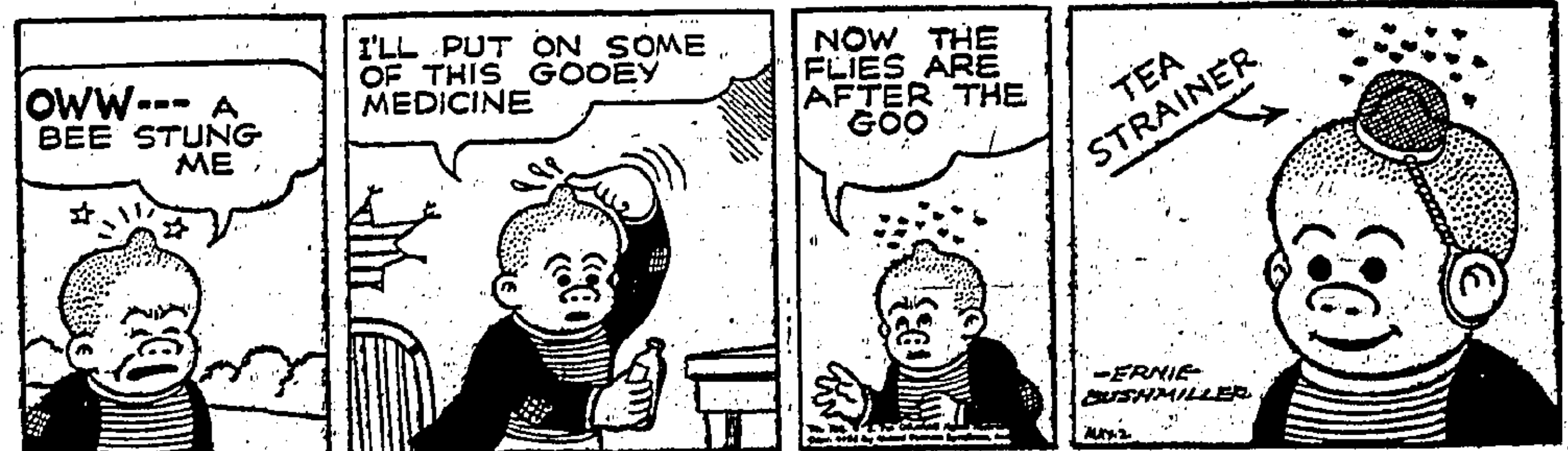
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A Mother Alone

NOTHING was the same any more. When Miranda married, her future seemed so assured and likely to be so happy. Her husband's work was in Kenya, and in that colony, where nature seemed to go out of its way to make life agreeable, Miranda set up her first home.

She was an acquisition to the community in which she lived, and had that aptitude that Englishwomen so often possess, when they are over-keen to live, that transforms local irritations into positive virtues. ("Yes, we have a few scorpions, but they do keep the spiders down").

Miranda was also good-looking, and she knew how to dress, which attributes are as valuable, when home is far away, as a stiff upper lip and a few words of kitchen vernacular.

A WAY WITH CHILDREN

Then Miranda's marriage went wrong, and she came back to England, with a son in his early teens, and an understanding from her husband that he would pay her £25 a month.

Miranda turned her hand to what she knew best how to do, and she bought a house in the country and announced to her friends and acquaintances that she could take in their children as boarders when they were away from home during school holidays.

She was good at running a house and had an excellent way with children.

SMALL DEBTS

Life was not too easy for her. It never is easy to make do with less money than you once had to spend, and in Miranda's case the problem was complicated by the fact that the £25 from Kenya that she budgeted for each month, did not always arrive.

Miranda began to acquire small debts. The small debts grew frighteningly larger.

The other day, Miranda came up to London from her home in the country. In one shop she visited, she stole, in the course of a few minutes, two pairs of gloves, two scarves, and a birthday card. She had never stolen anything in her life before.

TROUBLE, TROUBLE

Miranda was caught, and brought to Great Marlborough Street, where before Mr. Clyde Wilson, she pleaded guilty to the thefts.

"The only explanation I can give," Miranda said despairingly, when her story had been told, "is that I've had terrible financial trouble, and domestic trouble."

"But isn't there an order, about the money your husband should be paying you?" the magistrate asked.

THINK OF MY BOY

"Yes," Miranda answered. "There is, but it's made out in Kenya. My solicitors are trying to see about it."

"You'd better see the lady probation officer," said the magistrate, "and presently Mrs. Gray, the probation officer, brought her back."

"Since Christmas," Mrs. Gray reported, "this woman has had nothing from her husband. The magistrate asked Miranda if she had anything more to say. She cried: 'I do ask you to think of my boy, who's at school. He's just about to take his exams. If you could think of him.'"

Mr. Wilson said gently, "I'm sorry for your financial difficulties. You must pay £1 fine, and three guineas costs."

"Yes, sir," Miranda said, and slowly, and thoughtfully she went away, to make another small adjustment in her budget, to reflect again how nothing was the same any more with her.

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London, June 29.

The British Transport Commission, which runs Britain's nationalised rail, road and waterways systems, made a loss of £11,900,000 last year compared with a surplus of £4,200,000 in 1953, according to its report and accounts for 1954 published here today.

This brings the accumulated net deficit since the Commission was established seven years ago to £39 million or less than one per cent of the total gross receipts in that period.

Fares and freight charges were never able to catch up with rising wages and prices and further wage increases which came into force in January 1955, costing £20 million a year—in addition to those which became effective last year at an annual cost of £30 million—must cause acute financial anxiety in the period ahead, the report adds.

At a press conference here, Sir Brian Robertson, Chairman of the Commission, said he could give no estimate of losses by the recent, nationwide railway strike. "I am more concerned about the loss of business which we shall find hard to regain rather than the loss of business during the strike," he said.

Referring to railway modernisation and reorganisation plans, Sir Brian Robertson said: "The surveys which the Commission have now taken justify a positive optimism for the future as soon as they have had a chance to bear their fruit." — Reuter.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than those shown below, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting for registered mail is generally one hour earlier than the times shown below, and a birth-day card, which has never been stolen anything in her life before.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

On Friday, July 1, the public counters at G.P.O. and C.P.O. Kowloon will open for public business from 9 a.m. to noon. The Shantung Post Office will open from 9 a.m. to noon for sale of postage stamps and all other Branch Offices will be closed.

Private box lobbies at G.P.O. and C.P.O. Kowloon will open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Shantung from 9 a.m. to noon only.

There will be one delivery of newspapers and a special collection from all pillar boxes.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

Thailand, 2 p.m.
Indo-China, 6 p.m.
Punjab, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Thailand, 6 p.m.
Philippines, 9 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6, Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.05, Lucky Dip-Variety (Studio); 7, The Japanese Kabuki Theatre; The First in a Series of Five Talks by 2nd Lt. Goddard; 7.15, Wilson Wan at the Piano (Concert Hall); 7.30, A Life of Bliss; 7.45, Millicent Silver; 8, (BBCRS); 8.15, Western Report; 8.30, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 8.45, Commentaries (London Relay); 9, Special Announcements; 9.15, York Festival; 9.30, The Enthusiastic Ensemble (BBCRS); 9.45, Gypsy Nights; 10, Time Signal; 10.15, Young (Soprano) & Alex. Wong (Tenor) with piano accompaniment by Isidore Altwegg (Concert Hall); 10.30, Shakespeare Memorial Theatre Company in "Antony and Cleopatra" by William Shakespeare. Produced by Peter Watts. Part 2. (BBCRS); 10.45, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal; 11.15, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.30, Goodnight, Music; Goodbye the Queen; 11.35, Close Down.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

Tax Payment Defaulters

Wong Kam-choi, of 521 Shunning Road, 4th floor, summoned for defaulting in payment of personal assessment tax of \$4,337.75 for the year of assessment 1951-1952; was fined \$5,433.75 by Mr. I. T. Morris at Kowloon this morning.

The summons had been adjourned to today from June 1 to enable defendant to appeal to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue.

Mr. R.J. Hardy of the Inland Revenue Department, said this morning that no appeal had been lodged within the prescribed period. A letter, however, was received from defendant offering to pay the tax due by small instalments.

Another defendant, Mrs. Tai Leung-thi, of Nam Ping, Wal, Un Hong, was fined \$525 for having defaulted in interest tax amounting to \$525 for the year of assessment 1952-1953.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Okay, Marge! If that's the way you want it, we'll never see each other again—at least not before history class tomorrow!"

Miss Chow's Splendid Piano Recital

It was a considerable and courageous undertaking for one so young as Miss Mimi Chow, to give an entire piano recital in the University Great Hall last night.

Miss Chow, by now well-known to Hongkong musical audiences, has certain qualities most valuable to solo performers; she has a pleasant and assured platform manner, but no mannerisms; her memory appears to be excellent; she has a sincere and well-grounded sense of musicianship; and she is obviously a hard worker and had put a great deal into the preparation of this programme.

The first half contained the three major works of the evening. The Prelude to Bach's English Suite in A minor is a highly suitable for opening a piano recital, and Miss Chow's playing suited its vitality and unbroken continuity of running phrases.

It was ambitious to attempt the 32 Variations by Beethoven on a short and somewhat sharp and dramatic theme in C minor; rather than one of the Sonatas, Miss Chow managed this work competently, but the variations could have been more varied, and there was a tendency to use the too much pedal in the fast and too much passages. (I think I remarked apropos of Katchen that part of his excellence was due to his absolute clarity and his economy in the use of the pedal, an example to be followed). However, Miss Chow's playing of this work by Beethoven already revealed a greater depth and maturity than when we last heard her play Beethoven earlier this season.

TASTE AND DELICACY

Then followed Schumann's "Papillons," like so many of Schumann's piano works, a series of impressions, or comments, thoroughly romantic and airy trifles. Miss Chow gave us these with taste and delicacy. I think the canon passage with octaves in both hands needs more strength and bravado, as a contrast to the prevailing lightness. The final spread chord is almost impossible to bring off, and I have never yet heard a really satisfactory given; but this is Schumann's fault for striving after an impossible effect.

The second half of the programme was entirely composed of short, impressionistic pieces. Rachmaninoff's "Etudes Tableaux" are a change from his Preludes, and especially his first series of impressions, in its darkness, and "somewhat" corded. Of the Debussy group, Miss Chow's best playing was of "Jardins sous la Pluie," a fresh, impudic performance. The two Arabesques were again competent, though a little scrambled. These two short works contain good deal more variety of mood and tempo than were brought out last night. I would suggest that, when preparing such works, the player should even over-emphasise at first, so that the player will gradually come to command a never-growing range of tone, colour and expression. The same can be said of the two "Contes" by Medtner, both substantial but pleasant little pieces.

GOING AHEAD

The recital ended with a Valer-Impromptu by Liszt, one of his brilliant virtuoso pieces, given with excellent command and vigour by Mimi Chow at the end of her long recital. She had a great ovation and gave us two encores.

It is the best possible thing that Miss Mimi Chow is going abroad to continue her studies. Excellent though the local teaching may be, it is only by acquiring first-hand and living examples and standards of comparison in the great musical centres of the world that a young player is able to develop.

This is also true of Miss Chiu Yee-ha, whose playing of the Mozart A major Piano Concerto next week I shall unfortunately miss through absence from Hongkong.

I wish both these talented young ladies the best of success with their further studies.—X.X.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NZ Licensing Laws

Sir,—In this evening's issue of your paper mention must be directed to page eight in which much publicity is displayed by headlines and the text about New Zealand's licensing laws.

Such as "Pig Swill" and "Pigs at a trough" it has occurred to me at this juncture that the foregoing should be treated with reserve as no doubt your correspondent was the isolated Pig at the trough.

As that Country is the land of my infant nurture and spent many pleasant years there publicity displayed is by no means any Merit for your good-selves.

To conclude the tourist need have no fears as to the liquid hospitality: there are too many other attractions to be observed than that as cabled by your Correspondent whom as can be deduced has more money than sense.

JAMES WILKIE RAMSAY.

Illegal Storage

Pleading guilty to storing 340 gallons of kerosene without a license from the Fire Brigade, Ngan Kiang-pui, of 283, Reclamation Street, ground floor, was fined \$50 by Mr. I. T. Morris at Kowloon this morning.

Another defendant, Lam Lai-chi, of Tai Chung Street, S-1, King's Park Reclamation Area, was fined \$75 for storing 152 gallons of kerosene other than in an approved place.

The kerosene seized in both cases was ordered to be confiscated.

Judge's Ruling On District Court's Powers

A ruling that the District Court has power to review its decisions was made by Judge J. Reynolds in the Victoria District Court this morning, when he gave his decision in a preliminary objection taken by the respondent in a case to the jurisdiction of the District Court to exercise a power of review.

The original action from which this point developed concerned a claim by the Tai Wah Restaurant, of 115 Boundary Street, against Chan Ping-hung, claiming to be the sole proprietor of the Restaurant.

Plaintiff sought from defendant the sum of \$4,300, being money due for the hiring of the Restaurant, including a share of profits, and for an account of the profit of the dance hall attached to the Restaurant for the period from September 1 to December 31, 1954. On this latter claim, plaintiff asked for 10 percent of the profits ascertained on the taking of such accounts. Plaintiff's claim was limited to \$5,000 to bring it within the jurisdiction of the District Court.

The case was heard before Judge Reynolds in the Kowloon District Court, when judgment was entered for plaintiff. At the time, plaintiff was represented by Mr. Y. H. Chan, of Messrs. Lau, Chan and Ko, but defendant was not then legally represented.

Subsequently, Mr. Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, appeared for defendant in an application for a review of the case on the grounds that plaintiff had obtained judgment by fraud.

Mr. Chan resisted the application by arguing that the District Court had no power to review. Further hearing was adjourned pending Judge Reynolds' decision.

In his decision, Judge Reynolds said:

"This is a matter raised by way of a preliminary objection taken by the respondent to the jurisdiction of the District Court to exercise a power of review."

Section 14 of District Court Ordinance (No. 1 of 1953) provides that the District Court shall have the civil jurisdiction specified in the First Schedule. The First Schedule paragraph 1 reads as follows: "All the summary jurisdiction exercisable by the Supreme Court immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance under the provisions of the Supreme Court Ordinance (except jurisdiction in Admiralty)."

The Supreme Court (Summary Jurisdiction) Ordinance (Cap. 5) according to its long title, was an Ordinance to abolish the Court of Summary Jurisdiction and to confer upon the Supreme Court a summary jurisdiction at law and in equity.

S. 3 of the Ordinance provides that it shall be lawful for the Supreme Court to exercise a summary jurisdiction at law and in equity in the actions or matters thereafter mentioned.

S. 16 provides "It shall be lawful for the judge, on such grounds as he may think sufficient to review any judgment or decision given by him... and on such review to re-open and re-try the case, wholly or in part, and to take fresh evidence and to reverse, vary or confirm his previous judgment or decision."

JURISDICTION

This section is one of several which appear under a general heading of "Procedure" but in my opinion the section is one clearly conferring a jurisdiction upon the Court and the question to be considered therefore is whether this jurisdiction conferred by Section 16 comes within the words "All the summary jurisdiction exercisable by the Supreme Court... under the provisions of the Supreme Court Ordinance."

Mr. Chan, who argued the case very ably for the respondent, submitted that the jurisdiction conferred by Section 16 of the Ordinance (Cap. 5) was something other than a summary jurisdiction. He said that the fact that the jurisdiction to review had been created by the Supreme Court (Summary Jurisdiction) Ordinance does not necessarily mean that such jurisdiction was a summary one. For example that created by Section 35 is obviously a purely appellate jurisdiction. This is, of course, true but the jurisdiction created by Section 35 was one vested not in the Supreme Court but in an entirely different Court, namely, the Full Court. It is not, therefore, a valid ground for arguing that the power of review, a juris-



You may have noticed that our jazz visitor J. C. Heard, has another show scheduled. This one with be in the Princess Theatre on Friday morning and it should get as much public support as the ones in the Queens. The thing I would like to mention about J.C. has nothing to do with his jazz show but everything to do with all his shows, past and future.

Those of you who saw one or other of his first three will agree that this great drummer is also a great showman. His singing and dancing have naturally not played as big a part in his presentations but he obviously has the stuff.

Heard is a musician and a showman is too often not appreciated and when a man takes his talent on stage he owes the public that extra something.

There is a wealth of difference between playing dance music for a gang of people who are out for a good evening anyhow, and on the other hand playing to an audience whose whole attention is focussed on stage. You have to give the theatre audience more than just music and those of you who have seen either British or American stage bands in action will know what it takes.

The local boys are unfortunate because they have so little chance to get any experience but the shows J.C. has done so far have uncovered one or two who know the score and there may yet be hope for live variety in town.

Speaking Of Variety

On the subject of stage variety there is a little lady in town who knows more about it than most. Jenny Howard will be recording a couple of programmes for Radio Hongkong on Thursday evening and the songs she will be singing will certainly bring back memories of the halls to those English listeners who ever went. Jenny has been to Korea twice within the last eight months.

Isolated artists only seem to whet the appetite for a full-scale show and one of these days we may have enough visitors together to get that organised.

How It's Done

There are all sorts of ways in which a potential singer can get an audition but a little lady called Jackie Gaynor pulled a fast one recently. She was working as a typist for Columbia Records in England and one day stopped the artist chief, Ray Martin, as he was walking along a corridor at work. She asked him for an audition and taken surprise, got it. Now she has changed her name to Rosemary Gaynor and has a record with two songs which sound good. "Wheels of Love" and "Give a Fool a Chance".

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Record Review

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The number is Essex ESSL-109. The Ray Charles Chorus take over the spotlight on the second of the two discs and I must confess that I found them earlier to listen to. The variety of voices doesn't sell quite so soon as the solo act and they are, of course, a really brilliant vocal group. Here again the orchestra does a very good job rather subdued job and late night with the lights out would seem to be the time to listen to it.

US DESTROYERS IN PORT

Six American destroyers and one dock-landing ship entered port this morning on a recreational visit.

The destroyers are the Twin-lan, Shields, Ebyen, Colahan, Wiseman and Oliver M. Moore. The dock-landing ship is the Colonial. The Colonial, of 4,032 displacement tons, is one of many ships designed to serve as parent ships to landing craft and to coastal craft. All can carry 18 flat-topped LCMs.

DECIDED NOT TO JUMP

A young man was restrained from jumping off an upper floor of No. 48, Shanghai Street, Kowloon, this morning by members of his household.

He made his decision not to jump as a unit of the Kowloon Fire Brigade was heading for the scene, stress blowing.

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